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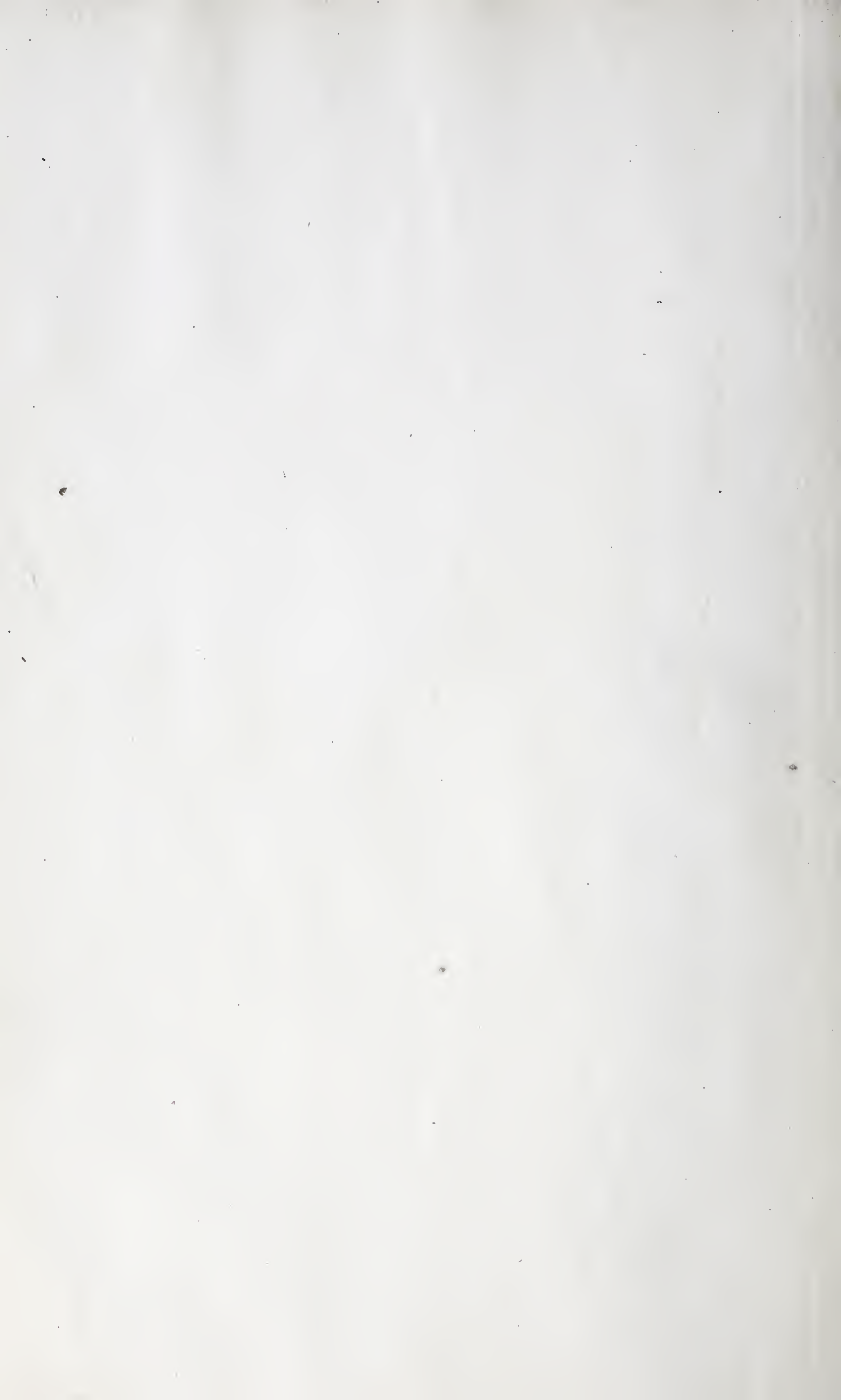
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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

Sovereign Grand Lodge

OF THE

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS,

HELD IN THE

CITY OF DENVER, STATE OF COLORADO,

*September 19th, 1887;*

WITH AN

APPENDIX,

CONTAINING A SKETCH OF THE WELCOME TO THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE  
BY THE GOVERNOR OF COLORADO; THE MAYOR OF DENVER; THE  
PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRADE; THE GRAND MASTER  
AND THE BRETHREN OF COLORADO, AND THE  
SPLENDID DEMONSTRATION ON THURSDAY,  
THE 22D DAY OF SEPTEMBER, ETC.

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*Commencing September 19th, 1887.*

MONDAY, September 19th, 1887—9 o'clock A. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled this day, being the regular Annual Communication. Upon the call of the roll the following members were found to be present:

OFFICERS.

JOHN H. WHITE.....Grand Sire.  
JOHN C. UNDERWOOD.....Deputy Grand Sire.  
THEO. A. ROSS.....Grand Secretary.  
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD.....Grand Treasurer.  
ALLEN JENCKES.....Assistant Grand Secretary.  
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....Grand Chaplain.  
CHARLES E. WALDO.....Grand Marshal, *pro tem*.  
WALTER G. DYE.....Grand Guardian.  
W. H. FRAZIER.....Grand Messenger.

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And a representation from forty-one Grand Lodges and twenty-three Grand Encampments, as follows :

## FROM GRAND LODGES.

FRANCISCO RICE, P. G. M.....	Alabama.
JAMES A. GIBSON, P. G. M.....	Arkansas.
LEON D. FREER, P. G. M.....	California.
JOHN P. HEISLER, P. G. M.....	Colorado.
LOREN H. STANNARD, P. G. M.....	Connecticut.
H. J. ROWE, P. G. M.....	Dakota.
ALEXANDER GUTHRIE, P. G. Rep.....	Delaware.
M. D. BRAINARD, P. G. Rep.....	District of Columbia.
CHARLES C. PEARCE, P. G. Rep.....	Florida.
JOHN B. GOODWIN, P. G. M.....	Georgia.
ALFRED ORENDORFF, P. G. M.....	Illinois.
JOHN F. WILDMAN, P. G. M.....	Indiana.
GEORGE W. JONES, P. G. M.....	Kansas.
JOHN P. PHISTER, P. G. M.....	Kentucky.
LEWIS GRAHAM, P. G. M.....	Louisiana.
SAMUEL WATTS, P. G.....	Lower Provinces.
RODNEY B. CAPEN, P. G. M.....	Maine.
C. D. ANDERSON, P. G. M.....	Manitoba.
JOHN M. JONES, P. G. Rep.....	Maryland.
EDWIN L. PILSBURY, P. G. M.....	Massachusetts.
BENJAMIN F. ROUNDS, P. G. M.....	Michigan.
HENRY J. STROUSE, P. G. M.....	Minnesota.
A. A. WHEELER, P. G. M.....	Missouri.
PHILIP DODSON, P. G. Rep.....	Montana.
J. T. HEDRICK, P. G. M.....	Nebraska.
J. V. PEERS, P. G. P.....	Nevada.
JAMES S. KIGER, P. G. M.....	New Jersey.
GEORGE W. DILKS, P. G. M.....	New York.
JUNIOUS SLOCUMB, P. G. M.....	North Carolina.
HENRY C. HEDGES, P. G. M.....	Ohio.
WILLIAM MACDIARMID, P. G. M.....	Ontario.
A. N. GAMBELL, P. G. Rep.....	Oregon.
ROBERT E. WRIGHT, P. G. M.....	Pennsylvania.
WILLIAM R. DUTEMPLE, P. G. M.....	Rhode Island.
JAMES G. AYDELOTT, P. G. M.....	Tennessee.
C. R. GIBSON, P. G. M.....	Texas.
ENOS D. HOGE, P. G. M.....	Utah.
H. L. STILLSON, P. G. M.....	Vermont.
W. R. DUNBAR, P. G. M.....	Washington.
OWEN S. MCKINNEY, P. G. M.....	West Virginia.
W. L. KUYKENDALL, P. G. M.....	Wyoming.

## FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

J. B. FRIEDHEIM, P. G. Rep.....	Arkansas.
W. W. LYMAN, P. G. P.....	California.
ELLERY CAMP, P. G. P.....	Connecticut.
J. WARD ELLIS, P. G. Rep.....	Illinois.
F. R. A. JETER, P. G. P.....	Indiana.
T. J. ATKINS, P. G. P.....	Kentucky.
MILTON HIGGINS, P. G. P.....	Maine.
GEORGE W. LEE, P. G. M.....	Maryland.
CHARLES B. NEWTON, P. G. P.....	Massachusetts.
ED. A. STEVENS, P. G. M.....	Minnesota.



## FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS—Continued.

H. H. NOLAND, P. G. P.....	Missouri.
JACOB LOEB, P. G. M.....	Montana.
WILLIAM W. COTTON, P. G. P.....	New Hampshire.
AARON B. CRANE, P. G. Rep.....	New Jersey.
WILLIAM I. CORNWELL, P. G. M. and P. G. Rep.....	New York.
C. M. BUSBEE, P. G. P.....	North Carolina.
JOHN N. VAN DEMAN, P. G. P.....	Ohio.
JOHN WELSH, P. G. P.....	Ontario.
ALFRED SLACK, P. G. M.....	Pennsylvania.
WILLIAM S. JOHNSON, P. G. M.....	Rhode Island.
FRED. CARLETON, P. G. Rep.....	Texas.
C. SHRIVER, P. G. P.....	West Virginia.
JOSEPH SCHROEDER, P. G. P.....	Wisconsin.

## PAST GRAND SIRES.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....	Pennsylvania.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....	New York.
JOHN W. STOKES.....	Pennsylvania.
ERIE J. LEECH.....	Iowa.
HENRY F. GAREY.....	Maryland.

The Deputy Grand Sire and Grand Marshal, by order, examined the Representatives, and declared them duly qualified.

The Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, of Kentucky, addressed the Throne of Grace, as follows :

Almighty God and Heavenly Father, by whose mercy we are again permitted to meet in annual council, we offer our tribute of prayer and praise for Thy continued goodness to us, and to all the children of men. We thank Thee for Thy care and guidance during our recent journeyings, bringing us in safety to our destination. We invoke Thy divine blessing upon the officers and members of this body. Make us sensible of our great responsibilities to the mighty Order in whose interests we have assembled, and direct us in all our legislation for its welfare and prosperity. Preserve us from error, ignorance, pride and prejudice in the discussion of all questions. Pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues. Let Thy blessing attend our efforts for the cause of humanity, in visiting the sick and suffering of our esteemed Brotherhood, and ministering to all that are afflicted or distressed, according to our ability. Protect the widow and the fatherless, amid the trials and troubles of life. Bless our civil authorities, giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth; and incline the hearts of this people to render due obedience to the laws of the land. Bless our Brethren everywhere, and make them faithful to their various stations, in the exercise of Friendship, Love and Truth. Accept with favor these our petitions, which we now offer unto Thee, and to Thy name be ascribed all honor and praise and glory forever. Amen.

The Deputy Grand Sire, by direction of the Grand Sire, declared the Grand Lodge open for business.

The Chair announced the following :



*Committee on Credentials* —Reps. JONES, of Maryland; PEARCE, of Virginia; DODSON, of Montana; SCHROEDER, of Wisconsin; SLOCUMB, of North Carolina.

The Grand Secretary presented the credentials of the Representatives received from the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, which were referred to the Committee on Credentials.

Rep. JONES, of Maryland, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report that they have examined the credentials of the following-named Brothers as Representatives from their respective Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and find the same correct, and would, therefore, recommend that they be accredited as such:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

OLIVER J. SEMMES, P. G. Rep.....	Alabama.
W. L. WHEPLEY, P. G. M.....	Arizona.
E. B. MOORE, P. G. M.....	Arkansas.
WESLEY MINTA, P. G.....	California.
FRANK A. TUTTLE, P. G. M.....	Colorado.
WILLIAM H. COMLEY, P. G. M.....	Connecticut.
HARVEY J. RICE, P. G. M.....	Dakota.
HIRAM REEDY, P. G.....	Delaware.
J. THOMAS PETTY, P. G. M.....	District of Columbia.
CHARLES H. DORSETT, P. G. P.....	Georgia.
J. H. FORNEY, P. G. M. (for one year, vice M. B. GWINN, resigned).....	Idaho.
JAMES R. MILLER, P. G. M.....	Illinois.
J. B. KENNER, P. G. M.....	Indiana.
WILLIAM MCCOY, P. G. M. (for one year, vice W. E. HARRIMAN, resigned).....	Iowa.
JAMES K. POWERS, P. G. M.....	Iowa.
J. S. CODDING, P. G. M.....	Kansas.
WILLIAM REINECKE, P. G. M.....	Kentucky.
ANDRE CUSHING, P. G. M.....	Lower Provinces..
FREEMAN T. MERRILL, P. G. M.....	Maine.
JOHN P. YOUNG, P. G. M.....	Manitoba.
WILLIAM H. RUBY, P. G. M.....	Maryland.
WILLIAM M. HILL, P. G. M.....	Massachusetts.
OSCAR A. JANES, P. G. M.....	Michigan.
ISAAC F. CLARK, P. G. M.....	Minnesota.
ISAAC T. HART, P. G. M.....	Mississippi.
D. A. SMITH, P. G. M.....	Missouri.
HENRY MCMURPHY, P. G. M. (for one year, to fill vacancy).....	Montana.
ARTHUR GIBSON, P. G. M.....	Nebraska.
C. E. MACK, P. G.....	Nevada.
LEWIS MALVERN, P. G. M. (for one year, to fill vacancy).....	New Hampshire.
CHARLES A. JEWELL, P. G. M.....	New Hampshire.
WILLIAM H. ISZARD, P. G. M.....	New Jersey.
JOHN W. STEBBINS, P. G. M.....	New York.
CORNELIUS B. EDWARDS, P. G. M.....	North Carolina.



## FROM GRAND LODGES—Continued.

E. K. WILCOX, P. G. M.....	Ohio.
CL. T. CAMPBELL, P. G. M.....	Ontario.
W. C. TWEEDALE, P. G. M.....	Oregon.
FRANCIS M. REA, P. G. M.....	Pennsylvania.
JAMES KINES, P. G. M.....	Quebec.
GILBERT F. ROBBINS, P. G. M.....	Rhode Island.
F. DE MARS, P. G. M.....	South Carolina.
C. IMFELD, P. G. M.....	Switzerland.
JAMES H. CRICHLLOW, P. G. M.....	Tennessee.
W. K. MAKEMSON, P. G. M.....	Texas.
WILLIAM W. HENRY, P. G. M.....	Vermont.
WILLIAM E. PEARCE, P. G. Rep. (for one year, to fill vacancy).....	Virginia.
JAMES B. BLANKS, P. G. Rep..	Virginia.
A. H. TUCKER, P. G. M.....	Washington.
WILLIAM ELLINGHAM, P. G. M.....	West Virginia.
LEWIS SILBER, P. G. Rep. (for one year, <i>vice</i> J. M. CRAIG, resigned).....	Wisconsin.
JOHN G. CLARK, P. G. M.....	Wisconsin.

## FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

W. A. SHIELDS, P. G. Rep.....	Alabama.
CHARLES H. RANDALL, P. G. M.....	California.
CHARLES D. COBB, P. G. Rep.....	Colorado.
R. E. PADDOCK, P. G. P.....	Connecticut.
SILAS E. BLAUVELT, P. G. P.....	Dakota.
EDWIN HIRST, P. G. Rep.....	Delaware.
OLIVER DUFOUR, P. G. Rep.....	District of Columbia.
THOMAS C. WATSON, P. G.....	Florida.
C. A. ROBBE, P. G. M.....	Georgia.
WALTER E. CARLIN, P. G. P.....	Illinois.
C. B. COOPER, G. P.....	Indiana.
W. T. HOLMES, P. G. M. (for one year, <i>vice</i> WILLIAM GAR- RETT, resigned).....	Iowa.
HERMAN BLOCK, P. G. M.....	Iowa.
W. T. JOHNSTON, P. G. P. (for one year, <i>vice</i> JAMES GEARY, resigned).....	Kansas.
S. H. KELSEY, P. G. Rep. (for two years, to fill vacancy)...	Kansas.
WILLIAM W. MORRIS, P. G. M.....	Kentucky.
JOSEPH VOEGTLE, P. G. Rep.....	Louisiana.
ALBERT F. RICHARDSON, P. G. P.....	Maine.
RICHARD DEAN, P. G. P.....	Maryland.
RUFUS B. GIFFORD, P. G. P.....	Massachusetts.
EDWIN H. WHITNEY, P. G. M. and P. G. Rep. (for one year, <i>vice</i> L. Z. MUNGER, resigned).....	Michigan.
GEORGE GREENFIELD, P. G. P.....	Michigan.
JACOB NEWSALT, P. G. M.....	Minnesota.
W. J. BRADSHAW, P. G. P.....	Mississippi.
JAMES A. PRICE, P. G. P.....	Missouri.
ED. G. RYLEY, P. G. Rep.....	Nebraska.
F. M. HEITMAN, P. C. P. (for one year, to fill vacancy)...	Nevada.
HIRAM HILL, P. G. P.....	New Hampshire.
LEWIS PARKER, P. G. Rep.....	New Jersey.
JOHN G. DEUBERT, P. G. P.....	New York.
J. B. SHERIDAN, P. G. P.....	Ohio.
JOSEPH OLIVER, P. G. P.....	Ontario.
PHIL. METSCHAN, P. G. M.....	Oregon.



## FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS—Continued.

M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, P. G. P.....	Pennsylvania.
LESTER S. HILL, P. G. P.....	Rhode Island.
W. A. BARRY, P. G. Rep.....	Tennessee.
D. P. CELLEY, P. G. P. (for two years, to fill vacancy) ...	Vermont.
A. L. HILL, P. G. P.....	Virginia.
N. OSTRANDER, P. G. and P. H. P. (for one year, <i>vice</i> J. T. BROWN, resigned).....	Washington.
CHARLES KENDALL, P. G. P.....	Wisconsin.
FRED. RUPRECHT, P. G. P. (for one year, <i>vice</i> JOHN A. FISCHER, resigned).....	Wyoming.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. M. JONES,      W. E. PEARCE,      JUNIUS SLOCUMB,  
 JOS. SCHROEDER,      PHILIP DODSON.

The Chair announced the following :

*Committee on Drawing for Seats.*—Reps. HART, of Mississippi; GIBSON, of Nebraska; OSTRANDER, of Washington.

Rep. HART, of Mississippi, from the Committee on Drawing for Seats, made the following report, which was considered and adopted :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee to whom was referred the allotment of seats, respectfully report the following as the result of the drawing:

Alabama.....	14, 15, 16	Mississippi.....	106, 107
Arizona .....	57	Missouri.....	17, 18, 19, 20
Arkansas.....	1, 2, 3	Montana .....	31, 32, 33
British Columbia.....	161	Nebraska.....	35, 36, 37
California.....	154, 155, 156, 157	Nevada.....	92, 93, 94
Chile .....	158	New Hampshire....	137, 138, 139, 140
Colorado.....	4, 5, 6	New Jersey.....	81, 82, 83, 84
Connecticut.....	74, 75, 76, 77	New Mexico.....	99
Dakota.....	11, 12, 13	New York .....	42, 43, 44, 45
Delaware.....	103, 104, 105	North Carolina.....	61, 62, 63
Denmark.....	159	Ohio.....	88, 89, 90, 91
District of Columbia.....	58, 59, 60	Ontario.....	23, 24, 25, 26
Florida... ..	9, 10	Oregon.....	120, 121, 122
Georgia.....	67, 68, 69	Pennsylvania.....	53, 54, 55, 56
Idaho.....	34	Quebec .....	149
Illinois.....	38, 39, 40, 41	Rhode Island.....	145, 146, 147, 148
Indiana.....	150, 151, 152, 153	South Carolina.....	7, 8
Iowa.....	112, 113, 114, 115	Switzerland.....	160
Kansas.....	108, 109, 110, 111	Tennessee .....	85, 86, 87
Kentucky.....	141, 142, 143, 144	Texas .....	78, 79, 80
Louisiana.....	29, 30	Utah .....	46
Lower Provinces.....	27, 28	Vermont.....	47, 48, 49
Maine.....	95, 96, 97, 98	Virginia.....	64, 65, 66
Manitoba.....	123, 124	Washington.....	100, 101, 102
Maryland .....	125, 126, 127, 128	West Virginia.....	50, 51, 52
Massachusetts.....	129, 130, 131, 132	Wisconsin .....	70, 71, 72, 73
Michigan.....	133, 134, 135, 136	Wyoming.....	21, 22
Minnesota.....	116, 117, 118, 119		

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC T. HART,      ARTHUR GIBSON,      N. OSTRANDER.



The Chair announced the Standing Committees, as follows:

*On the State of the Order.*—Reps. BUSBEE, of North Carolina; CLARK, of Wisconsin; ROBBE, of Georgia; WILCOX, of Ohio; CAMPBELL, of Ontario; ISZARD, of New Jersey; LYMAN, of California; STILLSON, of Vermont; KELSEY, of Kansas.

*On the Judiciary.*—Reps. ORENDORFF, of Illinois; SEMMES, of Alabama; GIBSON, of Texas; BRAINARD, of the District of Columbia; PARKER, of New Jersey; FRFER, of California; FRIEDHEIM, of Arkansas; COMLEY, of Connecticut; CORNWELL, of New York.

*On Legislation.*—Reps. HEDGES, of Ohio; CARLETON, of Texas; CARLIN, of Illinois; ATKINS, of Kentucky; GRAHAM, of Louisiana; PEARCE, of Florida; ROUNDS, of Michigan; HOGE, of Utah; CAPEN, of Maine.

*On Finance.*—Reps. RANDALL, of California; DILKS, of New York; BLANKS, of Virginia; MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania; STANNARD, of Connecticut; MILLER, of Illinois; MAKEMSON, of Texas; DUNBAR, of Washington; MCKINNEY, of West Virginia.

*On Constitutions.*—Reps. CRANE, of New Jersey; OLIVER, of Ontario; BRADSHAW, of Mississippi; WHEELER, of Missouri; HENRY, of Vermont; SHERIDAN, of Ohio; RICE, of Alabama; LEE, of Maryland; CAMP, of Connecticut.

*On Foreign Relations.*—Reps. BLOCK, of Iowa; REINECKE, of Kentucky; CUSHING, of the Lower Provinces; BARRY, of Tennessee; DE MARS, of South Carolina; ROWE, of Dakota; ROBBINS, of Rhode Island; WELSH, of Ontario; PETTY, of the District of Columbia.

*On the Patriarchal Branch of the Order.*—Reps. STEVENS, of Minnesota; ELLIS, of Illinois; NEWTON, of Massachusetts; JETER, of Indiana; DUFOUR, of the District of Columbia; PEERS, of Nevada; JEWELL, of New Hampshire; NOLAND, of Missouri; DEUBERT, of New York.

*On the Degree of Rebekah.*—Reps. WHITNEY, of Michigan; KIGER, of New Jersey; HIRST, of Delaware; DORSETT, of Georgia; PHISTER, of Kentucky; WATTS, of the Lower Provinces; HIGGINS, of Maine; SILBER, of Wisconsin; KENNER, of Indiana.

*On Correspondence.*—Reps. SHIELDS, of Alabama; HILL, of Rhode Island; RYLEY, of Nebraska; COTTON, of New Hampshire; HILL, of Massachusetts; CLARK, of Minnesota; MACK, of Nevada; REEDY, of Delaware; WATSON, of Florida.

*On Petitions.*—Reps. HEDRICK, of Nebraska; REA, of Pennsylvania; SHRIVER, of West Virginia; COBB, of Colorado; DUTEMPLE, of Rhode Island; ANDERSON, of Manitoba; RUBY, of Maryland; AYDELOTT, of Tennessee; STROUSE, of Minnesota.

*On Returns.*—Reps. LOEB, of Montana; CODDING, of Kansas; MERBILL, of Maine; GIFFORD, of Massachusetts; JAMES, of Michigan; FORNEY, of Idaho; WHEPLEY, of Arizona; MINTA, of California; RICE, of Dakota.

*On Unfinished Business.*—Reps. MACDIARMID, of Ontario; COOPER, of Indiana; MCCOY, of Iowa; JOHNSTON, of Kansas; RICHARDSON, of Maine; YOUNG, of Manitoba; BLAUVELT, of Dakota; PADDOCK, of Connecticut; HILL, of New Hampshire.

*On Miscellaneous Business.*—Reps. SLACK, of Pennsylvania; PRICE, of Missouri; MALVERN, of New Hampshire; EDWARDS, of North Carolina; TWEE-DALE, of Oregon; TUTTLE, of Colorado; MOORE, of Arkansas; HILL, of Virginia; DEAN, of Maryland.

*On Grand Bodies not Represented.*—Reps. McMURPHY, of Montana; GREENFIELD, of Michigan; NEWSALT, of Minnesota; KENDALL, of Wisconsin; RUPRECHT, of Wyoming; ELLINGHAM, of West Virginia; CRICHLLOW, of Tennessee; KINES, of Quebec; SMITH, of Missouri.

*On Mileage and Per Diem.*—Reps. VOEGTLE, of Louisiana; GAMBELL, of Oregon; PILSBURY, of Massachusetts; JONES, of Kansas; POWERS, of Iowa; GUTHRIE, of Delaware; WILDMAN, of Indiana.

*On Appeals (Appointed July 19th, 1887.)*—Reps. STEBBINS, of New York; GOODWIN, of Georgia; JOHNSON, of Rhode Island; KUYKENDALL, of Wyoming; WRIGHT, of Pennsylvania; MORRIS, of Kentucky; VAN DEMAN, of Ohio; GIBSON, of Arkansas; HEISLER, of Colorado.

The Grand Secretary proceeded to read the minutes of the last annual session, when,

Rep. CAMPBELL, of Ontario, moved that the further reading be dispensed with, and the Revised Journal of 1886, as printed, be approved, which was adopted.

Rep. POWERS, of Iowa, moved that an assistant be appointed to the Grand Guardian, which was adopted, and

The Grand Sire appointed EDWIN A. KELLEY, P. G. P., of Minnesota.

Rep. RANDALL, of California, moved the following, which was adopted, sixty-five voting in the affirmative and fifty-nine in the negative:

*Resolved*, That the committee who have charge of arranging this room be instructed to change the location of the chair from the end to the center of one side of the room.

The Deputy Grand Sire appointed HARRISON SOULE, P. G. Rep., of Michigan, to take charge of the Secret Work during the session.

The Grand Sire appointed JOHN T. JAKES, P. G. Rep., of Delaware, Assistant Grand Messenger.

The Grand Sire submitted his annual report, as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE GRAND SIRE.

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows:*

REPRESENTATIVES—In obedience to the requirements of law, and in accordance with ancient usage, the Grand Sire presents this "Report of his acts and doings during the recess" of this Grand Lodge.

It is a gratifying fact that the year which closed with the 31st day of December, 1886, has been a prosperous one for our Order. The increase in membership has been most marked, and, judging from indications, the present year will



be much more prosperous than the preceding one. While it is true that some jurisdictions have exhibited a decline in membership, yet the general increase for 1886 was eleven thousand nine hundred and ten (11,910) greater than that of 1885. The causes of decline in certain of the jurisdictions are apparent to any one at all conversant with the condition of the particular jurisdictions. It is a marvel to those unacquainted with the organization, the purposes and principles of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, that, in spite of all the opposition it encounters, amidst the thousand-and-one secret fraternal organizations which have sprung up in the country within the last few years, all appealing to the interests, the passions and prejudices of the public, our grand old Order should continue to march right along, steadily increasing in membership, in wealth, in power and in influence; but to us who know its worth, who have participated in its benefits and shared in its enjoyments, it is no marvel at all. Its principles are rooted deep down in the human heart, its purposes and practices are grateful to the feelings and in accordance with the impulses of every generous nature. Such an institution must continue to increase and prosper so long as the nature of man shall remain unchanged and misery and misfortune encumber the earth.

Condition of the Order.

The present condition of the Order, as appears from the returns in the Grand Secretary's office, is as follows:

		INCREASE.	DECREASE.
Grand Lodges.....	54	.....	.....
Subordinate Lodges.....	8,108	152	.....
Grand Encampments.....	44	.....	.....
Subordinate Encampments.....	1,996	49	.....
Lodge initiations.....	44,906	8,566	.....
Lodge members.....	530,300	12,990	.....
Encampment initiations.....	9,637	2,472	.....
Encampment members.....	97,773	3,397	.....
Total relief.....	\$2,227,324 50	\$46,422 57	.....
Total revenue.....	5,659,772 37	350,083 60	.....

Degree of Rebekah.

Much more interest has been manifested in this degree for the past year or two than formerly. In many sections it is doing a vast amount of good. The various conventions that I have attended during the past year have convinced me that more attention should be given to this branch of the Order by the law making power. The proceedings of the conventions were characterized by a moderation, courtesy and business tact which would do credit to conventions composed exclusively of the sterner sex. I am satisfied that many Subordinates have been saved by the establishment of Rebekah Lodges in their vicinity. In many jurisdictions there are but few of these Lodges, and they are weak and of no account, but in others they are strong and of great influence upon the members of the Order of both sexes. Those who decry these Lodges need not join them. They can keep away and allow those who take pleasure in these meetings and their associations to go on doing good in their own way. The world of Odd Fellowship is wide enough for all.

These Lodges ask:

First. That a Degree of Past Noble Grands be established.

Second. That ladies may be appointed D. D. Grand Masters for Rebekah Lodges.

*Third.* That the staff of such, or any D. D. Grand Master for Rebekah Lodges, may be composed in whole or in part of the lady members.

I see no objections to either of these requests, and I recommend that they be granted.

The following table shows the condition of the Rebekah branch of the Order December 31st, 1886:

	Brothers.	Sisters.	Total.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Total.
Members December 31st, 1885.....	.....	.....	.....	28,909	29,116	58,025
Admitted during 1886.....	.....	.....	.....	7,447	7,400	14,847
				36,356	36,516	72,872
Deduct withdrawn or dropped.....	2,779	2,283	5,062			
" expelled.....	32	21	53			
" deceased.....	212	254	466			
				3,023	2,558	5,581
Members December 31st, 1886.....	.....	.....	.....	33,333	33,958	67,291
Increase in 1886.....	.....	.....	.....	4,424	4,842	9,266

Assets, December 31st, 1885, \$141,969.15; assets, December 31st, 1886, \$156,292.69. Paid for relief, 1886, \$16,290.81. Expenses, 1886, \$53,009.97. Number of Lodges, December 31st, 1886, 1,345; number of Lodges, December 31st, 1885, 1,247; increase, 98.

### Grand Totals.

The following are the grand totals as to membership and relief of the American Order of Odd Fellows compiled from latest returns:

	MEMBERS	RELIEF
Sovereign Grand Lodge.....	530,300	\$2,211,033 69
Australasia.....	15,170	58,432 00
Germany.....	1,833	2,839 95
Rebekah (Sisters).....	33,958	16,290 81
	581,261	\$2,288,596 45

### Foreign Relations.

Whether it was wisdom or unwisdom in the Sovereign Grand Lodge to establish colonies of Odd Fellows in foreign countries is a question not now open for discussion. They have been established and the remaining question is how to deal with them. My own judgment is that an extremely liberal policy should be adopted, especially with the so-called independent jurisdictions. This Grand Lodge should retain only such rights and powers as are absolutely essential to the integrity of the secret work, to facilitate inter-communication and visitation, and the preservation of its cardinal principles of Friendship, Love and Truth. In dealing with this subject we forget that our coat will not fit all forms; that men both physically, mentally and morally are as diverse as the countries in which they reside, and that their education, habits and modes



of thought are equally diverse. We forget that men to a great extent are creatures of education, that our politics and our religion usually are the result of the accident of our birth, and the religion and politics of our ancestors are ours, and that others' opinions cannot always be squared to *our* rule. Again, the laws of all countries are different in some respects, and organizations claiming the protection of the laws must conform to them. The controversy between this Grand Lodge and Australasia is a marked instance of this diversity, and shows how easy it is for two parties, both of whom desire to do exactly right, to get at heads and points on a question of this kind. This Grand Lodge desires that the Grand Lodge of Australasia should become incorporated, or, as it is termed there, registered, or place itself in some other position to enable it to. Australasia responds she cannot register, as there is no general government for the colonies under which to register; that she would not be allowed to register in either of the colonies, because the Colonial Grand Body covers the whole ground; "that no two institutions of the same name, or even approaching the same name, can be registered under the law." Again, they say they are not like us, that "in America there are State laws (local government), and United States Congress laws (national). The Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge is registered by Congress, and therefore has a uniform bearing in all the States." This, of course, is wrong, as the Sovereign Grand Lodge exists by virtue of a Charter from one of these States, Maryland, and not from Congress, and has jurisdiction over the United States and Canada as well. So it is seen that each party does not understand the laws of the other country or their bearing upon the Order. Hence it seems to me that all such questions as this of working in the Third Degree should be left to the independent Grand Lodges, as they are properly no part of a Ritual.

AUSTRALASIA.—There has been little correspondence with this country. On the 7th of September, 1886, Bro. E. A. COLLIS wrote from Melbourne to Grand Secretary Ross, advising that Grand Secretary JUDGE had been dangerously ill but was slowly recovering. On the 27th of December, 1886, Bro. J. BROOKE advised that Bro. JUDGE died on the 15th of December. The illness and death of this valuable officer doubtless explains the absence of letters from Australasia. It is believed, though, from information obtained through the newspapers, that the Order is prospering.

CHILE.—Report shows 5 Lodges, a loss of 2, and 263 members, a loss of 33. The troubles existing between the Grand Lodge and Pacific Lodge, No. 2, have been happily settled, and the officers of the Grand Lodge express the belief that, harmony being restored, the Order will "march on successfully." The latest information states they expected to soon re-organize a defunct Lodge and establish three new ones.

CUBA.—There are now 7 Lodges, an increase of 1, in this jurisdiction; 313 members, a gain of 186. From the above it will be seen that the Order has made good progress in the island of Cuba. The Brethren appear enthusiastic in the cause, and evince a disposition to learn all they can about Odd Fellowship. Some of the members are anxious to establish a Grand Lodge, while others are opposed to it. It may be advisable for the Sovereign Grand Lodge to authorize the Grand Sire, during the recess, if he deems it proper, to issue a Warrant for a Grand Lodge on the petition of less than ten Subordinates. It is believed that the organization of a Grand Lodge would be beneficial in many respects; and the fact that few of the Brethren are familiar with the English language, consequently can gain but little information from our Journals, but could be better instructed if under the charge of a Grand Lodge in the jurisdiction, ought to be considered. As will be observed in another portion of this report, Lodges Nos. 3 and 6 have been placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Florida. Bro. JOSE ANTONIO LOPEZ, D. D. Grand Sire, has been a faithful correspondent. Fraternidad Universal Lodge, No. 3, has petitioned for leave to remove its location from Guanabacoa to Havana, also Regla Lodge from Regla to Havana, but I informed them that the Grand Sire had no



power in the premises, and that I would present the matter to the next session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. I see no reason why the petitions should not be granted. I authorized the D. D. Grand Sire of Cuba to issue Dispensations to such members of the Order in the island, as are of good report, to apply for and receive the Encampment Degrees in the jurisdiction of Florida during my term of office, believing that without such authorization the D. D. Grand Sire had no authority so to do.

**DENMARK**—Grand Secretary HANSEN reported 21 Lodges, a gain of 1; 1,923 members, a gain of 23. The aggregate membership in the 4 Encampments is 401, a loss of 74 members. There is nothing special to report from this jurisdiction. The progress during the last year has not been so marked as in former years, but the membership has been retained. "The Odd Fellow Bladet" is the title of a weekly paper published by Grand Secretary HANSEN, who is also D. D. Grand Sire.

**FRANCE**—Concorde Lodge, No. 1, was instituted at Havre on the 2d day of March, 1887, with five Charter members holding Withdrawal Cards from Concorde Lodge, No. 43, New York, by Bro. L. BOURDONNAY, Past Grand, of New York. A letter from the Noble Grand and Secretary, dated April 29th, stated they had at that time "seventy regular members who have received the Third Degree, a comparatively limited number, which is due to the method of procedure marked out for us by our Bro. BOURDONNAY, and to the strictness of the Lodge in the choice of its members, for, as you have had the honor of telling us in your former and cordial correspondence, 'it is better to refuse a dozen good men than to accept a single bad one.'"

**GERMANY**.—The Grand Secretary informs me that he has not received any communications from Grand Secretary MEYENDORF, of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, during the year; therefore no report of the work of the Order since the publication (page 10,696, Journal of 1886) has been received.

**ITALY**.—There has been no further correspondence with parties in this country.

**MEXICO**.—The two Lodges report an aggregate membership of 91, a gain of 23. Bro. DE GRESS, D. D. Grand Sire, reports the Lodges in good condition, numerically and financially. Bro. F. ANDONAYUI, P. G., of Santa Barbara Lodge, No. 156, California, on the 14th of July addressed a letter to the Grand Secretary, requesting information on the subject of organizing a Lodge at Ensenada, Lower California. The necessary documents (petition, etc.) were sent to him.

**NETHERLANDS**.—The membership in the two Lodges has increased 10, the total being now 92. A slight improvement in the Order in this jurisdiction is manifested, and the letters of Bro. J. HEN, D. D. Grand Sire, lead us to hope for greater progress in the near future. April 2d, 1887, permission was granted to Paradise Lodge, No. 1, Amsterdam, to issue circulars asking for pecuniary relief to enable it to render needed assistance to its widows and orphans, in such jurisdictions as should accede to their request for permission so to do. This act of mine has been criticised. Perhaps I made a mistake, and perhaps not.

**PERU**.—A gain of 8 members in the three Lodges increases the membership to 133, and the Encampment now numbers 43, a gain of 1. It is gratifying to know that the Order is still maintained in this jurisdiction, notwithstanding the sad condition of business affairs in the Republic. Bro. F. L. CROSBY, D. D. Grand Sire, reports the Subordinates working well, though not, to any extent, increasing their membership.

**SANDWICH ISLANDS**.—The aggregate membership in the two Lodges is 172, a loss of 3, and the Encampment reports 42 members, a loss of 2. Bro. W. E. FOSTER, D. D. Grand Sire, reports the Order in good condition, though not making many members.

**SPAIN**.—Petitions were presented to me for the establishment of the Order in Spain by the officers of Cuba Lodge, under the seal of that Subordinate, and



it was endorsed by the D. D. Grand Sire of Cuba, and they recommend Bro. RAFAEL MONTORO Y VALDES, a Third Degree member of that Lodge, who is a member of the Spanish Cortes, and now in Spain, as a competent person to commission to introduce the Order there. I have written to the Brother to make inquiries into the matter and report his opinion as to the propriety of so doing, but have as yet received no reply.

SWEDEN.—We have nothing further on the subject of new Lodges in this country. Scania Lodge, No. 1, is under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Denmark.

SWITZERLAND.—The report for year 1886 shows 5 Lodges, 179 members, a gain of 9. There is nothing of special importance to report concerning the Order in this jurisdiction. A slight increase in membership is shown in the annual report. Bro. C. IMFELD, Past Grand Master, has been commissioned Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge; but we are not informed that he expects to attend the session.

### Decisions.

I have made the following decisions, which I submit for your approval or disapproval, as may be deemed best in your wisdom:

#### IN REFERENCE TO BENEFITS.

1. A member in good standing in a Lodge under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, is sick with a cancerous tumor in his nose and mouth. He is a Judge of the Supreme Court, and when the court sits *in banc* to hear cases on appeal, his presence is required to complete the full bench, and he has been permitted by his physician to attend at such terms three times, one day in a week, during a period of four months of such sickness. He is not allowed to speak, but communicates in writing. His monthly salary has been paid during his sickness, the same as if he were attending regularly to business. The By-Laws of the Lodge provide for benefits, "in case of being rendered incapable by sickness or accident of providing for his own support." The case is not free from doubt. The Brother is, however, able to some extent to follow his usual occupation, and by that means does and is capable of "procuring the means of subsistence for himself." Article III., Section 6, Constitution of Subordinates.

The question of income from investments (Section 73, Digest) has nothing to do with it. Here the income is the fruits of his employment. I therefore hold that the Brother is not entitled to benefits.

2. Our law does not recognize collateral relatives at all, unless they were members of the family of the deceased at the time of his death and dependent on him for support. The right of property to the funeral benefits is in the family of the deceased, and not in the Brother. It does not begin to exist until after his death, and if there are no dependent relatives, no benefits are to be paid. The law does not, in such a case, cast the estate anywhere, because there is no estate to be cast.

The law covering the entire case of benefits may be found in the Digest, S. G. L., Sections 86, 87, 88, 89 *et seq.*, and in Journal, S. G. L., 1886, pages 10,254, 10,487, 10,511.

3. The By-Laws of a Lodge debar its members from benefits, who are more than thirteen weeks in arrears for dues. The Lodge appointed a collector to present and collect, at the end of each quarter, all dues owing by the members. A Brother was thirteen weeks behind in his dues, October 1st. On October 12th he paid the collector the amount due, and on October 13th he had to quit business on account of sickness. The next Lodge meeting, which was October 18th, the money was credited to the Brother's account by the Secretary, who was not the collector. The Lodge has a law, approved by the Grand Lodge, that all moneys paid to the Lodge officers between the adjournment of the



Lodge at one meeting and the opening of the Lodge at the next meeting, shall be credited as paid at the meeting after it was paid to the officer. In such a case the Brother is not entitled to benefits. The Lodge-room is the place to pay dues, and if paid in recess to any member or officer, that member or officer is simply the agent of the Brother in the matter, and, as a general rule, the Lodge is only bound by it as a payment when it comes to the hands of the proper officer in the Lodge-room to be credited in his account. There is no safety in any other rule. The words "at any time," in Section 373, Digest, should be construed "at any Lodge meeting," and not in recess.

4. It was asked if, under the decision of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, in the case of the appeal of *Emmons vs. Harmony Lodge, No. 9* (Journal, 10,387), the Lodge was compelled to pay only the amount of the "funeral expenses as claimed under the law" of the Lodge, as appears in the resolution appended to the report of the committee of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, or is the Lodge compelled to pay all that is claimed in the sustained appeal, viz., the funeral expenses under the Constitution, and the assessment of \$1 for each member under the By-Laws?

*Answer*—The claim presented by the heirs of Bro. JOHN T. HOWE is for both amounts, that under the section of the Constitution quoted, and also under the By-Laws, and the resolution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge sustains the appeal, and directs the Lodge to pay to the heirs of Bro. HOWE "the amount of funeral expenses claimed under their law." It is clear that if the heirs are entitled to the former amount, they are to the latter, and the words "their law" in the resolution, must mean the law of the Lodge, and the law of the Lodge is contained in both the Constitution and By-Laws.

I therefore decide that the Lodge is bound to pay the amount provided for in the section of the Constitution quoted, and also the assessment of \$1 for each active member under the By-Laws.

#### IN REFERENCE TO DEGREE OF REBEKAH.

5. A Daughter of Rebekah who received her degree in her husband's Subordinate Lodge during his life, is not, after his death and her remarriage to one not a member of the Order, eligible for membership in a Degree Lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah.—*Digest, Section 341; Journal, S. G. L. 9858.*

The policy of the law seems to be not to deprive her of any privilege which she possesses, but not to grant her any additional ones.—*Digest, Sections 244, 345.*

6. An unmarried daughter of an Odd Fellow, after joining a Degree Lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah, married a man not a member of the Order. Her dues are paid, and since her marriage she has been elected to office. In such a case she does not by her marriage forfeit her membership, and it can in no way affect her standing in the Lodge.—*Digest, 344.*

7. The widow of an Odd Fellow, who had received the Degree of Rebekah during the life of her husband, in his Subordinate Lodge, is eligible to membership in a Rebekah Degree Lodge upon a card from the Subordinate of which her husband was a member, although her husband at the time of his death was not in good standing in his Subordinate Lodge.

In 1874 the Grand Lodge (Sections 333, 359, Digest) authorized Withdrawal Cards to be issued by Rebekah Lodges, and provides that they may admit to membership on deposit of card. In view of the usually liberal construction of all the laws relating to the Degree of Rebekah, I am constrained to hold that the Sovereign Grand Lodge, when it provided that such Lodges might admit to membership by deposit of card, intended to cover all the cases in which cards were then authorized to be issued by any Lodge, either Rebekah or Subordinate. It will be observed that all the legislation in which good standing is required, has reference to conferring the degree and not to membership. The question whether she could now receive the degree is quite another



thing, although it is worthy of note that the legislation of 1868 as amended in 1871 (Digest, Section 323), authorizing the Lodges to confer the degree, says nothing about good standing in cases of certificates presented by Subordinate Lodges.

8. An unmarried step-daughter of an Odd Fellow of the Degree of Truth, if eighteen years of age, is eligible to membership in a Degree Lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah. See Journal, S. G. L., 1886, pages 10,520, 10,659.

9. Since the enactment of the law (Digest, Section 351b), all officers of Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, whether Brothers or Sisters, must wear the regalia described in that section.

10. Subordinate Lodges are not entitled or allowed to purchase or use the new Rebekah Degree Ritual, and consequently cannot exchange their old Rituals for the new.

11. Rebekah Degree Lodges working under the new Ritual cannot lawfully give that Work before a Subordinate Lodge open in the Degree of Rebekah. The new Ritual is for the exclusive use of Rebekah Lodges.

12. There being no German translation of the new Rebekah Degree Ritual, I decided that Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah which could not work in English were entitled to retain and use the old German Rituals until such times as translations of the new were furnished them. This may have been a stretch of power but it seemed a matter of necessity.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

13. The following *ex parte* statement was presented for my decision: "One MARTIN was a member of a Lodge in Iowa, from which he took a Withdrawal Card. This he deposited in a Nevada Lodge and afterwards took a Withdrawal Card from that Lodge, which he deposited in a Lodge in Missouri, then he took a Withdrawal Card from the Missouri Lodge and removed to and became a permanent resident of Arizona. He remained in Arizona until his card expired, and then applied to and became a member of his home Lodge in Iowa, although he still remained and yet remains a permanent resident of Arizona. Of course he was admitted a member of his Iowa Lodge on the ground of being an Ancient Odd Fellow, and he was so admitted without the consent of the jurisdiction of which he was a resident." If this be a correct statement, he was admitted in direct violation of Section 3, Article XVI., of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Now, what is his status? Is he to be treated as an Odd Fellow or not? This is the question propounded. It has been decided that a Brother admitted illegally by card, without fault of his own, and from fault of his Lodge, must be protected in his membership so acquired. (Section 672, Digest 674.) That I conceive to be the extent to which the decisions go. In this case the applicant knew or was bound to know what the law was, and that membership thus acquired would be illegal; the Lodge also knew or was bound to know what the law was. No decision can be found that goes to the extent of holding that membership can be acquired where both parties to the contract knew that it was an illegal transaction, except in the single case of an initiate, the reason being given for this that the initiation being declared void might be construed as releasing him from his obligation. No such reason can exist in this case. I am constrained to believe that if this case shall be held to give the party in question a good and valid membership, the Sovereign Grand Lodge might as well remit the whole matter to Subordinate Lodges. I therefore hold that, on the facts stated, MARTIN is not a member of the Iowa Lodge, but his status is that of an Ancient Odd Fellow.

14. The question which you ask, viz., "Can a Subordinate Lodge appropriate, in whole or in part, its Lodge funds to purchase stock in an 'Odd Fellows' Hall Association, which association is to erect a building for Lodge purposes, among other things?" is of very great importance and very far reaching. That there should be some limit to the power of Lodges to appropriate their funds



in this direction, must be apparent to everyone, but I find nothing that throws much light on the subject. I do not think that a Lodge should invest its funds to such an extent in anything as to disenable it from being in a situation to respond to calls likely to be made upon it for the relief of its distressed members, but it may and should invest its surplus funds in such a way as to produce an income by way of interest, dividends or rentals. It is my opinion that it is not advisable for Lodges to take stock in associations which are or may be controlled by others than Odd Fellows, unless it be in some business corporation. Therefore, as at present advised, I think the rule should be, and I decide, that an Odd Fellows' Lodge may, for the purpose of providing a place for its meetings, use a reasonable portion of its funds to purchase stock in an Odd Fellows' Hall Association, although such hall or building, when erected, will be, in part, used for other than Odd Fellow purposes, provided that the stockholders in such association are Odd Fellow organizations, such as Lodges, Encampments, etc.

15. To your question, "Do you understand, by the report of the committee, page 10,521, on Decision 33, and adopted page 10,659, that a Lodge cannot expend any money for observing April 26th, or only forbids expending money for a collation and dance?" I

*Answer*—I do not understand that, by that report, a Lodge cannot expend any money for observing April 26th, nor do I understand that it "only forbids expending money for a collation and dance."

It seems to me to be almost impossible to lay down any general rule applicable to every conceivable set of circumstances, but I think the principle to be evolved from the decisions is about as follows:

A Subordinate Lodge may expend a reasonable amount of its funds to defray the necessary expenses incident to the celebration of the introduction of Odd Fellowship in America, in such a manner as shall tend to promulgate and illustrate its principles, or to elevate it or dignify it in the eyes of the community, such as hiring halls, paying for printing, procuring orators, etc., but not for those things which contribute merely to the pleasure or gratification of the individual member, such as parties, balls, picnics, excursions, banquets and the like, and that, within these limits, the question is one for the Subordinate or its immediate Grand Jurisdiction.

16. To the question "Can the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, under its Constitution, delegate its constitutional legislative powers to its Board of Grand Officers sitting in recess to grant Charters for Subordinate Lodges?" I replied that I had no authority to decide the question, as it was one "arising out of the Constitution" of a State Grand Lodge.—*Constitution, S. G. L., Article IV.*

17. The Grand Sire has not the authority to approve the Constitutions of Subordinate Grand Bodies, or amendments thereto, during recess of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

18. There is no law or usage by which a Grand Patriarch in his official capacity can prefer charges to a Subordinate Lodge against one of its members, nor of any rule by which a member of one Lodge can prefer charges against a member of another Lodge, except as authorized by Section 1310 of the Digest, re-enacted as Article XXXV. of the General Laws of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, with the addition that the Lodge submitting the charges shall have the privilege of counsel, hence it would seem that charges should be preferred as a member of the Lodge to which the accuser belongs, and transmitted by his Lodge to the Lodge of the accused, but I see no objection to the official position of the accuser being set forth in connection with the charges. A Grand Master is not under obligations to forward charges presented to him by a Grand Patriarch against a member of one of his Subordinates, or to become an accuser, but if the Lodge to which charges are transmitted, as provided in Digest, 1310, refuse to entertain them or to try the accused, it is then the duty of the Grand Master, on being notified of the facts by



the Grand Patriarch or the accuser, to require the Lodge to do its duty in that regard.

19. Under Section 297, Digest, the Grand Sire may authorize a Royal Purple member to confer the Patriarchal Degrees on Scarlet members, to qualify them as petitioners for an Encampment Charter in a place where no Encampment exists, in territory under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, but I very much question the power of the D. D. Grand Sire, or even the Grand Sire, to appoint any one but a Past Chief Patriarch to install officers. The principle seems to be that no one should be appointed to administer an obligation who never has received it. Therefore, as at present advised, I must hold that it cannot be done.

20. Section 289, Digest, requiring balloting for degrees to be upon the same evening on which application is made therefor, is doubtless applicable to Encampments as well as to Lodges, though as to the latter, the subject may now be regulated by the local legislation.—*Journal, S. G. L.*, 1885, page 10,089.

21. A Brother holding a Withdrawal Card out of date, or a Dismissal Certificate, may join in applying for a Charter for a new Lodge of Odd Fellows, but the application must be signed by five Third Degree members who hold unexpired Withdrawal Cards.—*Digest, Sections 1162a, 1177, 1178.*

The term "Brothers of the Order in good standing," as used in Article I. of the By-Laws, Sovereign Grand Lodge, Digest, Section 1162, must be construed to mean, Brothers holding unexpired Withdrawal Cards.

22. The law of New Jersey provides that "A person cannot be initiated in any Lodge than the one nearest or most convenient to his residence, without the consent of said Lodge." A person applied to his nearest Lodge, Clinton, for membership, and was rejected, of which rejection Harrison Lodge was notified. Notwithstanding this, Harrison Lodge elected and initiated such person. On complaint to the Grand Master, the Lodge plead guilty. No fraud was practiced upon Harrison Lodge, as the applicant informed the committee that he had been rejected by Clinton Lodge. On this state of facts, the Grand Master issued his mandate forbidding Harrison Lodge from conferring the Degrees upon the person initiated, and asks what is the remedy, and whether the law, Section 620, Digest, applies.

*Answer*—Harrison Lodge is guilty of a willful violation of law and is liable to such penalty as the Grand Lodge may deem adequate to the offense. I do not see that the membership of Feindt can be disturbed, but the Lodge can be prohibited from conferring the Degrees upon him; at all events, this is my present opinion, and I would advise you to make the prohibition permanent, unless the consent of Clinton Lodge be first obtained. I hardly think Section 620 applies to the case, although the Grand Lodge may doubtless fine the Lodge, on conviction, to that extent, or even much more.

23. Applications for permission to initiate residents of territory under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, into Lodges under State Jurisdictions, have been made to me from time to time, and I have decided to grant and have granted those applications only where the jurisdictions were contiguous and the Lodge in which it was proposed to initiate was the nearest one to the residence of the applicant. It is the general rule that persons can be admitted only into Lodges nearest the place of their residence. This was first held in 1848 (Digest, 626), and re-affirmed many times since, the last time in 1884. (Digest, 615, 618, 619, 627.) But this is the rule only in the absence of local legislation. (Digest, 626a, 628.) This general rule has been held to apply to all cases of admissions in a jurisdiction different from that of the applicant (Digest, 615, 616, 618, 619), save the exceptional decision in 1883. (Digest, 622a.) The rule is a salutary one, as the health, character and standing of the applicant are usually well known to the members of the Lodge and the danger of receiving a bad man is comparatively little. The decision of 1883 goes upon the theory that Section 3, Article XVI, of the Constitution of 1854, authorizes admissions in any other jurisdiction, if consent be obtained,



which is a mistake. That section simply prohibits admissions without consent, and of course the consent is to be obtained in the cases and under the circumstances authorized by the law as it existed when the section was adopted, there being no such provision in the old Constitution. In 1862 the Legislative Committee reported, and the Grand Lodge adopted, a resolution authorizing Subordinates *in contiguous or adjacent jurisdictions* to admit to membership persons whose residence "*though not actually in said jurisdiction is nearest the place of location*" of such Subordinate (Digest, 617), thus giving a legislative construction to the Constitutional provision. This was re-affirmed in 1865. (Digest, 618) The decision (622a) seems to violate another long established principle, that of admitting a temporary resident. (Digest, 622, 623, 624) For these reasons, and believing that the decision of 1884, in effect, overrules that of 1883, I have followed the long-established rule, that the applicant must live in an *adjacent jurisdiction*, and apply to the Lodge nearest his residence.

24. When the officers at installation retire in charge of the Grand Marshal for examination, they should retire in form—that is, address the Chairs.

25. A Grand Master, when introducing a visiting Brother, enters the Lodge in his official capacity. He announces himself as Grand Master with a visiting Brother, and is entitled to be received with the honors of the Order, and must be so received, unless he waive that right, which he may do. The honors are not to be given to the visiting Brother, unless he also be entitled thereto.

26. A Grand Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge has not the right to introduce visitors to a Subordinate Encampment whom he knows are not members of the Patriarchal branch of the Order.

27. Subordinate Encampments meet semi monthly, and twelve consecutive meeting-nights, or six months, constitute a full term. With the consent of the Grand Encampment they may meet monthly; in such case the term of their officers is extended to one year (Digest, 1221), the number of meeting-nights still being twelve. A Chief Patriarch who serves a majority of the nights, and to the end of either the six or twelve-months term, is qualified to sit in the Grand Encampment. No other or different terms are permitted.

28. Appeal of CHARLES J. FISHEL from the decision of the D. D. Grand Sire of the Sandwich Islands.

The facts in this case, as it appears from the concurring statements of the appellant and the D. D. Grand Sire, are as follows:

Harmony Lodge, No. 3, failed to hold one of its regular meetings for the term ending December 31st, 1886, from want of a quorum, occasioned by the celebration of the Fourth of July occurring on the fifth of that month, the fourth being Sunday, the appellant, the then Noble Grand, claiming that he was present at the Lodge room, but that he could not procure the attendance of sufficient members to open the Lodge. The Noble Grand and Vice Grand were both actually present in said Lodge during said term and served more than fourteen meeting-nights of the term, and held their respective offices until their successors were installed, on the first meeting of January last. It appears, also, that on three meeting-nights of the preceding term the Lodge failed to hold a meeting, for want of a quorum. The Noble Grand and Vice Grand of that term also served a majority of nights and held office until its close. After the installation of officers in January last, it was claimed that the appellant was not eligible to the position of Noble Grand when he was elected thereto, by reason of the failure of the Lodge to hold the three meetings above specified, and that he was not entitled to the honors of Past Grand, by reason of the failure to hold the one meeting in the last term, as above mentioned. The D. D. Grand Sire, on the authority of Section 265, Digest, so decided, and from this decision the appeal is taken.

I decided as follows: Perhaps the literal interpretation of Digest, 265, would justify your decision, but on a thorough examination of the question, and the way it came up, I am compelled to think that you have fallen into an error. The history of the matter is as follows: On the first organization of our Order



the terms of Subordinate Lodges were thirteen weeks, and there appears to have been no regular time for the terms to end. It would seem that the term commenced at the first meeting after the Charter was granted and ended thirteen weeks from that time. They were not quarterly or half yearly terms, commencing and ending with certain months in the year. Grand Sire KENNEDY, in his annual report in 1842, says: "The periods at which terms of Lodges and Encampments commence and end are as greatly diversified as the number of them could possibly permit." (Journal, 445.) To remedy this defect, and so that proper statistics could be collected, it was enacted (Journal, 491) that annual reports be made from July 1st to June 30th; semi annual, if any, from July 1st to December 31st, and quarterly reports on the first days of July, October, January and April in each year, and that when the longest part of the term (seven weeks or more) under the present regulation shall have expired, Subordinates were authorized to make one short term, so as to end the quarter as above specified, and the officers would be entitled to the honors; and when less than seven weeks of a quarter shall have expired, they are directed to extend the term, and (Journal, 494) that the officers hold for the remnant of that quarter and to the end of the next quarter. By this law the terms were changed from a given number of consecutive meeting-nights to periods of time, and all had a uniform ending. Now, terms end either in January and July or April and October, six months, and the term ends when the period arrives, whether twenty-six or six meetings have been held. It may have been from a misapprehension of these things that the latter part of Section 265 was enacted. A dispensation with Lodge-meetings is undoubtedly illegal and improper, but it cannot be that an illegal dispensation of one of twenty-six Lodge-meetings, against the protest, perhaps, of its Noble Grand, would deprive that officer, who had faithfully served for twenty five nights of a term, of the honors due to his faithful service. There is no justice in it. Besides, it has been decided, over and over again, that an officer who has served a majority of the nights of a term (fourteen), if in office at the end of the term, is entitled to the honors of the office. The enactment (Section 265) cannot be upheld unless it can be construed to mean that the dispensation spoken of prevented the officers from serving a majority of the nights of the term. This can, however, hardly be claimed for it. I have never had occasion before to critically examine the question, but am clear that the foregoing views are correct.

I therefore decide that the retiring officers of Harmony Lodge, No. 3, are entitled to the honors of the term if they were present in the Lodge-room a majority of the meeting-nights of the term, and held their offices to the close of the term.

I must also overrule your decision as to the preceding term upon substantially the same principle. If the officers served a majority of the nights of the term, they are not debarred from the honors of those offices from the fact that the Lodge failed, for want of a quorum, to hold three meetings out of the twenty-six. If three meetings would do it, one would, and if that were so a large number of the officers would fail of their honors for the same reason.

29. "A Brother paid his fee for the Second Degree, and before he was ready to take it was called away to another jurisdiction. He made no provision for the payment of his dues." In such a case the Lodge cannot apply the money so paid in on his dues, nor can he demand it back unless the Lodge refuses to confer the degree on demand. The demand must be made before suspension for non-payment of dues, otherwise the degree fee is forfeited unless the Brother be re-instated.

30. Under the law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, establishing the Degree of the Patriarchs Militant, honorary members cannot be required to wear a cap, belt and sword in order to sit in a Canton.

31. Under that law a Canton cannot be compelled to turn out for parade or drill, except on the 26th of April, when ordered by a superior officer under penalty of court-martial and punishment such as it may see fit to inflict; but

a Canton may, when so ordered, determine by vote whether it will or will not turn out, and inform the officer of its decision, without incurring the penalty of a court-martial.

32. Orders issued by superior officers in plain violation of the law creating the degree are of no binding force upon Cantons or Chevaliers and may be disregarded.

33. Unless an association has the sanction of a State Grand Body, as provided in Sections 405, 406, Digest, it is illegal for it to do business as an insurance company under the name of the Order, and the "Odd Fellows' National Benevolent Association" is such an illegal association, unless authorized as above. (Digest, 402) The business transacted by that or any similar association is a "private business or enterprise," within said Section 402.

Any member of the Order engaged in any such business is liable to charges and expulsion.

### Regalia in Grand Lodge.

Immediately on my return from the session of the Grand Lodge at Boston my attention was called to the resolution in reference to the use of regalia in Subordinate Grand Bodies found on page 10,520, Journal, and deeming the resolution inoperative by reason of its not having been adopted in accordance with law, I felt constrained to issue the following proclamation:

#### PROCLAMATION OF THE GRAND SIRE.

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F.,

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE,

Albion, N. Y., October 12th, 1886.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—My attention has been called to the resolutions found on page 176 of the Daily Journal, and adopted on page 215, which are as follows, viz.:

*Resolved*, That, in lieu of other regalia, members and visitors at the session of a Grand Body, wearing a scarlet ribbon, and at the session of a Grand Encampment a purple ribbon, both about one inch in width, on the lapel of their coat, shall be deemed to be in proper regalia.

*Resolved*, That the officers of said Grand Bodies, in lieu of other regalia, may wear a ribbon prescribed as above, with the jewel of their offices attached thereto.

These resolutions, if valid, change Article XXII. of the By-Laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, but Article XXX. of the same By Laws provides that no resolution of the Grand Lodge shall amend these By-Laws unless the resolution shall upon its face assume to make such change. The resolutions in question purport to be merely ordinary legislation, and in no way refer to the By-Laws. They are not therefore regularly adopted. Again, Article XIX. of the Constitution provides that the By-Laws can only be amended by a two-thirds vote. These resolutions, purporting on their face to be merely ordinary legislation and not an amendment to the By-Laws, it cannot be presumed that they were passed by the vote required by the Constitution, although the Journal says they were adopted. The vote on adopting an amendment to the Constitution or By-Laws always should be, and generally is given, so that the Journal shows the fact that it was legally adopted. In view of the foregoing provisions of law, I am constrained to declare the resolutions referred to *inoperative and void*. It is therefore incumbent on you to see that the regalia provided for in Article XXII. of the By Laws as they were prior to the last annual session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, be worn in your Grand Body.

Fraternally yours,

JNO. H. WHITE, *Grand Sire*.

[SEAL]

Attest: THEO. A. ROSS, *Grand Secre'ary*.



### Removal of Headquarters.

The office of the Grand Secretary has been successfully removed from the city of Baltimore to the city of Columbus, Ohio, of the particulars of which you will be fully advised by the report of the committee.

The following communication was received by me about the time of its date:

GRAND LODGE OF MARYLAND, I. O. O. F.,  
OFFICE GRAND SECRETARY,

Baltimore, May 16th, 1887.

JOHN H. WHITE, Esq.,

*Grand Sire Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.:*

MY DEAR BRO.—The following was adopted by the Grand Lodge of Maryland, I. O. O. F., and ordered to be forwarded to you. Ask a careful perusal of the same.

Yours, fraternally,

JNO. M. JONES, *Grand Sec'y.*

BRO. GEO. W. LINDSAY, P. G., No. 52, submitted the following, which was read:

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of the United States having entered into a solemn compact with the Grand Lodge of Maryland, at the organization of the said Grand Lodge of the United States; *and whereas*, the said Sovereign Grand Lodge did, at the last session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, held in the city of Boston in the year 1886, adopt a series of resolutions to remove the permanent home of the Order to another jurisdiction, and thereby violate the solemn compact thus made, which is as follows:

1st. That we highly approve of the city of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, as the PERMANENT SEAT OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES, being central in situation as well as senior in order.

3d. That the Grand Charter of Maryland and of the United States be vested in the Past Grands of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and that Maryland shall receive a Grand Charter from the same, and thereupon resign all claim or title to or from it, other than common with the other Grand Lodges; which said Grand Charter shall have and contain, in the engrossing thereof, a clause representing the said investment and condition; and further, that the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States DOTH GIVE THE SAID CHARTER ON CONDITION THAT THEY KEEP THE GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES IN MARYLAND.

[See Journal of Proceedings Grand Lodge of Maryland, vol. 1, pages 25 and 31; also Journal of Proceedings Grand Lodge United States, vol. 1, pages 66, 72, 74]

Therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Maryland, I. O. O. F., in annual communication, held in the city of Baltimore on April 18th, 19th and 20th, do hereby enter their *solemn protest* against this violation of the said contract by the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.

*Resolved*, That the Representatives from this Grand Lodge to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be and they are hereby instructed to use all honorable means to have the said acts of the Sovereign Grand Lodge declared void.

*Resolved*, That a copy of this protest and resolutions be at once sent to the Grand Sire, and he be requested to present the same to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and that he refrain from the removal of the properties of the said Sovereign Grand Lodge until after the next session of the said Sovereign Grand Lodge.

I immediately acknowledged the receipt thereof, and informed the Grand Secretary of Maryland that it was not in my power to comply with the request contained in the last resolution. The claim that, by the removal of the office

to Columbus, the Sovereign Grand Lodge has violated its solemn compact, is not well founded, as a brief history of the matter will show. "The Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States," as it was called, having under its jurisdiction the Subordinates in Maryland, and also Grand Lodges in Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania, which had received Charters from it, with a view of separating the double headed Grand Body into two parts, passed resolutions looking to that end, and in one of them it resolved that it approved of the city of Baltimore as the permanent seat of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and that the Grand Charter of the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States be vested in the Past Grands of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and that Maryland shall receive a Charter from the same, and thereupon resign all claim of title to or from it other than in common with the other Grand Lodges; and further, that the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States doth give said Charter on condition that they keep the Grand Lodge of the United States in Maryland. This was the proposition. Was it accepted?

These resolutions were adopted April 24th, 1824. (Journal, page 66.) At this meeting a committee was appointed by this Grand Lodge to report a Constitution for the Grand Lodge of the United States *in its separate capacity*, and on August 23d, 1824, this Committee reported a proposed Constitution (page 70), which was adopted; and it was "ordered that a copy be forwarded within one month to each of the Grand Lodges for concurrence" (page 71), referring to the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania (pages 53, 57, 58, 65). Article V. of this proposed Constitution provided "that the City of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, be the *permanent* seat of the Grand Lodge of the United States" The Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States, having on its part adopted the Constitution, proceeded, on November 22d, 1824, to organize itself as the Grand Lodge of Maryland (page 72), and then finally closed. Each of the Grand Lodges outside of Maryland had had proxies residing in Baltimore to represent them in the Lodge so closed, and on January 15th, 1825, a preliminary meeting was held, composed of the Representative of Maryland and these proxies, all of whom were members of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, for organization, and they did organize as the Grand Lodge of the United States, by electing officers and resolving to accept the Constitution. Letters were received from the several State Grand Bodies on the subject of separation and organization, but the particular purport of them does not appear (page 74). On February 22d, 1825, the day fixed in said proposed Constitution for the meeting, the officers elect and the same Representatives and proxies met, but the installation of officers and business were postponed to March 30th, and the Grand Secretary elect "directed to inform the several Grand Lodges of the adjournment of the annual communication and their answers, in time for the proxies to act on their behalf, be forwarded without delay" (page 7). March 30th, 1825, the same parties again met, and installed the officers. Letters were received from the Grand Lodges of New York and Pennsylvania, objecting to portions of the Constitution, the latter to the word "permanent" (page 76).

At a Grand Committee meeting, held May 25th, 1825, Grand Master WILDEY reported that he had visited the three Grand Lodges, and that New York and Pennsylvania requested that the word "permanent" should be stricken from Article V., and the word "present" inserted, and on a vote being taken upon the alteration it was unanimously adopted, the same three proxies representing the three Grand Lodges (page 78). At the next annual communication, April 26th, 1826, Pennsylvania sent one of her own members as her regular Representative, when the proceedings of the Grand Committee striking out "permanent" and inserting "present" were approved (page 79), thus fixing Baltimore as the "present seat" of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

It will thus be seen that objections to the permanent seat of the Grand Lodge being in Baltimore were persisted in, and until the change was made in the Constitution from "permanent" to "present," at least one, if not two, of the



Grand Lodges refused to accept it, and that thereafter Representatives were sent from those Grand Bodies.

This same subject was brought before the Grand Lodge of the United States in 1850, and the question was carefully examined by the Committee on the State of the Order, which reported as follows:

"In passing to the next subject which comes up in the protest of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Maryland, upon the ground that the Grand Lodge of the United States had not the right to hold a session at any other place than the city of Baltimore, Maryland, your committee believe that the views that these Right Worthy Bodies seem to hold on the subject should be put straight before the Order; they are undoubtedly erroneous, and the history of the Order warrants no such conclusions.

"In 1824 the Grand Lodge of Maryland, conceiving the importance and propriety of forming a Grand Lodge of the United States, a committee being formed for that purpose, passed resolutions and formed a Constitution to be submitted to the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania, which went to fix the seat of government permanently in the city of Baltimore. This feature was objected to by New York, and Pennsylvania absolutely refused to consent, unless the word 'permanent' was first stricken out and 'present' inserted. And you find that on the 25th of September, 1825, after Grand Master WILDEY had returned from a visit to these Grand Bodies, for the express purpose of inducing them to accept it, it was unanimously stricken out by Maryland herself. And you will see that at the next meeting Pennsylvania did appear in the person of a Representative. So that it is clearly shown when and how the compact was established, and that it only existed in the imagination of Maryland herself.

"In the Constitution of 1829 this matter was settled beyond all doubt, the word 'present' at Baltimore being inserted; and again in 1833, when the present Constitution was adopted, it was provided that they should meet at such place as the Grand Lodge should from time to time determine, and this view has until now been quietly acquiesced in by these Grand Bodies, as will be shown by the sessions held in Philadelphia, 1833, Washington City, January, 1834, New York, August, 1834, and again in Philadelphia, 1839, at all of which places their Representatives were present without protest."

This report was laid on the table but afterwards the following was adopted: "*Resolved*, That the claim set up by the R. W. Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Maryland, to the permanent seat of government of this Grand Lodge, is unfounded, and is not sustained by law or fact."—*Journal, G. L. U. S.*, pages 1658, 1659.

There ought to be an end of this contention at some time, and it is presumed that it would not have been raised now were it not for the fact that most of the old members who participated in the doings of the Order in that day have passed away, and that those controlling matters at present are not fully advised of the merits of the question.

### Charters.

During the recess Charters have been issued as follows:

*Alberta, Canada*—Alberta Encampment, No. 1, at Calgary.

*Arizona*.—Floral Encampment, No. 2, at Phoenix.

*Cuba*.—Hijos del Trabajo Lodge, No. 7, at Havana.

*France*.—Concorde Lodge, No. 1, at Havre.

*New Mexico*—Albuquerque Encampment, No. 4, at Albuquerque; Naomi Degree Lodge, No. 1, Daughters of Rebekah, at Las Vegas; The Percha Lodge, No. 9, at Kingston; Fidelity, No. 10, at Gallup.

*Utah*.—Wasatch Encampment, No. 3, at Park City.

Authorized at session of 1886:

*Indian Territory*—Independence Degree Lodge, No. 2, Daughters of Rebekah, at McAlister.

### Commissions.

December 16th, 1886, to GEORGE MURDOCH, D. D. Grand Sire, to confer the Encampment Degrees on 12 Third Degree members of Alberta Lodge, No. 1, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

February 22d, 1887, to M. T. HERZOG, D. D. Grand Sire, to confer the Encampment Degrees on 34 Third Degree members of sundry Lodges in Arizona and California, residing at Phoenix, Arizona.

April 19th, 1887, to ALEXANDER ROGERS, Special Deputy Grand Sire, to confer the Encampment Degrees on 21 members of Park City Lodge, No. 7, and Olive Branch Lodge, No. 8, at Park City, Utah.

The duties imposed on each of the Commissioners were promptly discharged and Encampments have been instituted at the several places named.

### Transfer of Jurisdiction.

On the petitions of Cuba Lodge, No. 3, Havana, and Regla Lodge, No. 6, Regla, Cuba, on the 8th day of February, 1887, I authorized the said Lodges to be "attached to and placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Florida"

On the 7th of March the following was received:

GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA, I. O. O. F.,  
OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,

Key West, March 1st, 1887.

THEO. A. ROSS,

*Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge:*

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—Your favor of 22d ult., addressed to the Grand Secretary, notifying us of the willingness of the Grand Sire to surrender jurisdiction of Cuba Lodge, No. 3, Havana, Cuba, and Regla Lodge, No. 6, Regla, Cuba, has been received, and I hereby, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of the State of Florida, accept jurisdiction of said Lodges, to take effect this day. Assuring you and the Grand Sire that Cuba and Regla Lodges shall be cordially welcomed, and that every effort will be made to promote their prosperity, I am

Yours fraternally,

A. DE LONO, *Grand Master.*

Attest: W. M. McINTOSH, JR., *Grand Secretary.*

Pursuant to the legislation of last session, (Journal, 10,527, 10,661), Vancouver Encampment, No. 1, Harmony Encampment, No. 2, and Nanaimo Encampment, No. 4, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Oregon, were notified through Bro. JOHN WEILER, D. D. Grand Sire, that unless they decided to be placed under the Grand Encampment of Washington, they must report to and be under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge No. 1, under date of November 17th, 1886; No. 2, under date of March 23d, 1887; No. 4, under date of November 25th, 1886, signified their consent to be attached to the Grand Encampment of Washington, and the jurisdiction was accepted by the officers of the Grand Encampment of Washington.

### Indian Territory.

Pocahontas Lodge, No. 2, in this Territory, was situated at a place called Savanna, a small mining town. An explosion occurred which destroyed the mine, and, the works being removed, the town was abandoned. Almost the entire population moved away, and all but two or three Odd Fellows. The Lodge asks permission to remove to Lehigh, in the same Territory. I informed the Lodge that the Grand Sire had no power to authorize the removal. (Digest 778, 1176a) It seems to me that the power to consent to the removal of



Lodges under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge might, with safety, be entrusted to the Grand Sire in recess. The property of the Lodge consisted of a hall, paraphernalia and a good fund, and it being feared that the property might be destroyed, there being no one there to take care of it, it was determined to remove the same, and the movables were removed to Atoka Lodge-room for safety. Under the circumstances I sanctioned the removal after the same was done. It seems to me the petition for removal to Lehigh should be granted.

Atoka Lodge also asks to be permitted to remove to Lehigh, but I have received a protest from quite a number of members against it.

### Petitions.

From Texas, signed by the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Grand Representatives, for the translation of the Ritual into Italian.

From a convention of Encampments of Utah, asking for the Chartering of a Grand Encampment of Utah.

To these petitions I replied that I had no power to grant the requests, the latter for the reason that Utah had not the requisite number of Encampments, and that the petitions would be referred to the Grand Lodge.

From Star Lodge, Kansas, for leave to admit to membership J. C. Brock, by Card, and William Johnstone, by Initiation, residents of Indian Territory. Permission was granted, the Territory being contiguous and the Lodge being nearest the residence of the applicants.

### Past Official and Grand Lodge Degrees.

Certificates authorizing any Grand Lodge to confer the Past Official and Grand Lodge Degrees were issued to the following Past Grands:

February 25th, 1887, Francisco Jesus del Junco y Pujadas, of Porvenir Lodge, No. 1, Havana, Cuba.

February 7th, 1887, Candido Grave de Peralta, of Fraternidad Universal Lodge, No. 2, Guanabacoa, Cuba.

February 14th, 1887, Joaquin Lancis, of Cuba Lodge, No. 3, Havana, Cuba.

March 14th, 1887, Francisco Chenard y Devlin, of Havana Lodge, No. 4, Havana, Cuba.

May 5th, 1887, Andres Amador, of America Lodge, No. 5, Cuba.

February 7th, 1887, Joseph Narganes, of Regla Lodge, No. 6, Cuba.

### Duplicate Charters.

In accordance with the direction (Journal, 10,490, 10,641), a Charter was issued to Deming Lodge, No. 6, Deming, New Mexico, to replace the original warrant, which was destroyed by fire.

### By-Laws of Subordinates.

Article I., Section 3, of the Constitution of Subordinates under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, provides that such Subordinates "shall transmit to the Sovereign Grand Lodge or Grand Sire, for approval, a copy of the By-Laws which it shall adopt for its government, and at the end of each term shall transmit as aforesaid for approval by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, or, during the recess, by the Grand Sire, attested copies of all amendments," etc., and the question has been raised whether the By Laws approved by the Grand Sire, under this section, are to be referred to the Committee on Constitutions for their revision and correction, or whether the approval of the Grand Sire makes them laws, and all that is to be done is for him to report the fact that he has approved such By-Laws. The question is referred for decision.

The following have been approved:

By-Laws of Havana Lodge, No. 4, Cuba.  
 By-Laws of Raton Lodge, No. 8, New Mexico.  
 By-Laws of Floral Encampment, No. 2, Arizona.  
 By-Laws of Gem City Lodge, No. 7, New Mexico.  
 By-Laws of Tahlequah Lodge, No. 4, Indian Territory.  
 Amendments by Pocahontas Lodge, No. 2, Indian Territory.  
 Amendments by Albuquerque Lodge, No. 1, New Mexico.  
 Amendments by Chalaco Lodge, No. 4, Peru.  
 Amendments by Las Vegas Lodge, No. 4, New Mexico.  
 Amendments by Las Vegas Encampment, No. 2, New Mexico.  
 Amendments by Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Sandwich Islands.

### District Deputy Grand Sires for the Year 1887.

Alberta, Canada—	GEORGE MURDOCH, P. G.....	Calgary, Alberta, Canada.
Arizona—	M. T. HERZOG, P. G.....	Prescott, Arizona.
Assiniboia, Canada—	JOHN P. YOUNG, P. G. M..	{ Portage La Prairie, Manitoba, Canada.
British Columbia, Canada—	J. WEILER, P. G. M	{ P. O Box 218, Victoria, Brit- ish Columbia, Canada.
Chile, S. America—	ROBERT MOSER, P. G. Sec...	{ P. O. Box 355, Valparaiso, Chile, South America.
Cuba—	JOSE ANTONIO LOPEZ, P. G.....	Maloja 29, Havana, Cuba.
Denmark, Europe—	J. HANSEN, P. G. Sec.....	{ Gl. Strand 44, Copenhagen, Denmark, Europe.
France, Europe—	L. V. LEFEBVRE, P. G.....	99 Rue du Lycée, Havre.
Idaho—	MONTIE B. GWINN, P. G. Rep. and G. M...	Caldwell, Idaho.
Indian Territory—	G. C. SCHUELER, P. G.....	{ P. O Box 4, Lehigh, Indian Territory.
Lower Prov., B.N.A.—	ANDRE CUSHING, P. G. M.	{ St. John, New Brunswick, Canada.
Manitoba, Canada—	H. J. RAYMER, P.G., P.C.P.	{ P. O. Box 604, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.
Mexico—	W. J. DE GRESS, P. G. Rep.....	{ Calle de Cadena 11, Apartado 322, City of Mexico, Mexico.
Netherlands, Europe—	J. HEN, P. G.....	{ Plantage Doklaan 5, Amster- dam, Holland.
New Mexico—	A. C. SLOAN, P. G .....	Las Vegas, New Mexico.
Peru, S. America—	F. L. CROSBY, P. G., P. C. P...	{ Calle de Carabaya, (Bodego- nes) No. 67, Lima, Peru, South America.
Quebec—	HENRY A. JACKSON, P. G. Rep.....	162 St. James St., Montreal.
Sandwich Islands—	W. E. FOSTER, P. G., P. C. P...	Honolulu, Sandwich Islands.
Sweden, Europe—	ANDREAS HOLCK, P. G. M...	{ Sophievej 5, Copenhagen, V, Denmark, Europe.
Switzerland, Europe—	RUDOLPH WEBER, P. G. M...	Zurich, Switzerland, Europe.
Utah—	F. H. AUERBACH, P. G. M.....	Salt Lake City, Utah.

L. BOURDONNAY, 139 Bleecker street, New York, was appointed Special D. D. Grand Sire to institute a Lodge at Havre, France.

### Grand Visitations.

Pursuant to invitation, I have visited the following Grand Jurisdictions as specified:

November 17th and 18th, 1886, the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, at Trenton.  
 January 3d, 1887, attended Public Installation of Officers of Orleans Lodge, at Medina, N. Y.



January 11th, 1887, attended Public Installation of Officers of Constellation Lodge, at Lockport, N. Y.

April 26th, 1887, attended Anniversary Celebration, at Bridgeport, Conn.

April 28th, 1887, attended Anniversary Celebration, at New York City.

May 17th, 18th and 19th, 1887, attended Grand Lodge Session of Indiana, at Indianapolis. Also the Convention of the Rebekah Lodges, and delivered the address at the unveiling of the monument erected in University Square, in that city, by the Rebekah Lodges of the United States and Canada, to the memory of Schuyler Colfax, Past Grand Representative, the author of the Ritual for the Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah.

June 7th and 8th, 1887, attended the Grand Lodge Session, at Madison, Wis. Also Convention of Rebekah Lodges at same place, and on the evening of the 8th addressed the Order, at Milwaukee.

June 16th, 1887, delivered an address at Concord, N. H., and dedicated the Home established in that city by the Order in that jurisdiction for their widows and orphans.

June 17th, 1887, attended a celebration by the Order at Lewiston, Maine, and addressed the Brethren. Stopped on my way for a few hours in Portland and met many of the old and tried Brethren of the Order there.

June 25th, 1887, attended Memorial Services for the dedication of the graves of deceased Odd Fellows, at Buffalo, N. Y., and addressed the Order at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

July 20th, 1887, attended Convention of Rebekah Lodges for Western New York, at Rochester, N. Y.

August 16th and 17th, 1887, attended Grand Lodge Session at New York City.

At all of these places the Grand Sire was received with the utmost kindness, and great consideration and respect were manifested for the office he holds.

### Anniversary Proclamation.

The following is the Anniversary Proclamation issued by me in pursuance of law, and I am happy to state that the Anniversary was very generally observed—indeed, much more so than has been usual:

1819.

ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION.

1887.

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F.,  
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE.

*To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:*

In accordance with the time-honored custom and usage of our Order, and by authority of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, I, JOHN H. WHITE, Grand Sire, do hereby recommend all Grand and Subordinate Bodies, under this jurisdiction, to set apart and dedicate the twenty-sixth day of April, 1887, the Sixty-eighth Anniversary of our Order, to appropriate exercises and to thanksgiving and praise to the Giver of all Good for the many blessings showered upon the Order and its membership, individually and collectively.

Done at the city of Baltimore, State of Maryland, U. S. A., this the fourth day of February, 1887, and of our Order the sixty-eighth year.

[SEAL]

JNO. H. WHITE, *Grand Sire.*

Attest: THEO. A. ROSS, *Grand Secretary.*

### The Fraternal Press.

The number of the journals devoted to the inculcation of the principles of Odd Fellowship is increasing, and no one rejoices thereat more than I do. Many of them have been sent for the use of the Grand Sire, and they are



perused with much interest; and yet it is sometimes with shame that he finds articles in some of them which breathe anything but a fraternal spirit. As a rule they are conducted properly, and, with two or three exceptions, labor zealously for the inculcation of the true spirit of friendship, and that "Charity which suffereth long and is kind." A few there are which seem to take pride in abusing and vilifying the Sovereign Grand Lodge for its action or non action, and in abusing its officers who are endeavoring to enforce the laws they have obligated themselves to sustain. One calls a particular law a "foolish" law. Another that a law is of no binding force, and that the Order should not obey it. They seem to forget that one hundred and fifty Representatives, members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, men selected from the great body of the Order and from every Grand Jurisdiction, for their ability, their integrity, their long service in the Order, are apt to be quite as wise, as honest, as faithful to their obligations to legislate for the best interest of the Order, as any one or dozen editors of newspapers, however wise or however intelligent they may be. But I repeat, these are the exceptions. The great mass of them are conducted by men of gentlemanly instincts, in a fraternal spirit, and with an earnest desire to promote the welfare of the Order. Some of the articles are, doubtless, thoughtlessly written; others are not. One of the best indications of what is right and what wrong, is to inquire whether the particular thing said or written will please your friends or rejoice your enemies. Too many of the articles during the last year have been of the latter class.

### Patriarchal Circle.

Soon after my return from the session of the Grand Lodge at Boston, I received several communications from Brothers eminent in the ranks of the Order, Past Grand Masters and Past Grand Representatives, of a condition of things in certain localities which, to my mind, called on me imperatively to exercise the powers conferred upon me by the Grand Lodge, if possible, to eradicate from the Order an element which was disturbing its harmony and causing much trouble within its borders. Complaints were made that certain Lodges, particularly in a few Western States, were being controlled by members of the Circle to the injury of the Lodges; that former Circle members who had honorably withdrawn in obedience to the law of the Grand Lodge, were dissatisfied that the law was not enforced against their former comrades in the Circle who still retained their membership in the Lodges; that the fact that members were allowed to retain their membership in the Circle prevented, in a measure, the formation of Cantons of Patriarchs Militant; that when charges were preferred against any who still retained their membership in both Orders, it was difficult to obtain committees of trial, some prominent members declaring that "no matter what the evidence was, they would not find a Brother guilty under the law," and that "they gloried in their spunk." These facts and many more were communicated to me, and in every case accompanied with the request that the informants' names should be kept secret. Investigation convinced me that the complaints were well founded, and that in every locality in which the Circle had a foothold, it was poison to Odd Fellowship. That there was contention, apathy and disgust. That a few irrepressible, loyal Odd Fellows were doing all they could to uphold the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, but that with the great majority the feeling was one of apathy and indifference. Although the Circle members were, as to numbers, very insignificant, yet scattered over two or three States, as they were, a few men in each Lodge sufficed to create dissension in Lodges, bound together as they were by an "oath" to prefer themselves and their fellow Circle members to those not belonging to it, and acting in concert in forwarding the interests of themselves, even at the expense of their Brother Odd Fellows. In the one jurisdiction affected the most from this cause, it turns out that although theretofore there had been a small increase in membership each year, yet under the let alone policy of last year, the decrease in membership in that jurisdiction was five-



hundred and eighty-one (581). It is true that this decrease is attributed, by the sympathizers with the Circle, to another cause. I am satisfied, from a personal investigation in that jurisdiction, that the real cause is the one to which I attribute it.

In some quarters there is much ridiculous sympathy with that institution among those not members of it, and the cry of persecution is raised. We make no war on the Circle, nor do we persecute it by not receiving into our Lodges those who are members of it. We simply endeavor to protect ourselves. It is no persecution of the colored man that we do not wish to receive him in membership. It is not persecution of immoral men that we do not wish to associate with them in our Lodges. We are a voluntary society, and have a right to choose our associates, and it is no persecution of any one because we see fit to invite into our fold one class in preference to another. It is passing strange that any man can be found who could secure votes enough to be elected to the position of chief executive officer of one branch of our Order, who would take upon himself the solemn obligation of our installation ceremony to see that the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge were in his jurisdiction faithfully executed, who at the same time was a member of an institution which that law declared it to be conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow to belong to, and yet such is the fact. One Grand Officer, the head of his jurisdiction, was a member of that organization when installed, and remained such all through his term and still remains a member. Such a character is worthy only of contempt.

After a careful investigation of the situation in which I found the Order in certain localities, it was deemed best to adopt some effectual means, if possible, to eradicate the virur of the Circle from the Order, and no more effectual means was suggested to the mind of the Grand Sire than the annexed circular, which was issued and promulgated as law. On one side complaint has been made that it is harsh and arbitrary, while on the other that it does not go far enough. It is claimed by loyal men, in several jurisdictions, that it ought to have required the obligation as a condition of receiving the Pass Word, and I was asked to add to the law this provision, but in view of the decision of Grand Sire GAREY (page 10,251, Journal), I declined to do so.

#### PROCLAMATION OF THE GRAND SIRE.

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F.,  
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE,

Albion, Orleans County, N. Y., December 23d, 1886.

*To the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, I, JOHN H. WHITE, Grand Sire, do hereby order and direct as follows:

*First.* That no person holding membership in the Patriarchal Circle or its successors, by whatever name it may be known, or in any secret organization not authorized by the Sovereign Grand Lodge that has heretofore or may hereafter require as a qualification for membership therein a past, present or future membership in this Order, shall be elected or appointed to or installed into any office in any Grand or Subordinate Lodge or Encampment of Odd Fellows under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge; and it shall be the duty of all installing officers, before installing into office any person who shall have been elected or appointed to any office in any such Grand or Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, to exact from each of such persons an affirmation in the following form, viz.:

"I, upon my honor as an Odd Fellow, do solemnly declare that I am not now, and was not at the time of my election (or appointment) to the office into which I am now about to be installed, a member of the Patriarchal Circle or any successor thereof, by whatever name known, or in any secret organization not authorized by the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-



Fellows, that has heretofore or does now require as a qualification for membership therein, a past, present or future standing in this Order of Odd Fellows."

And any such person who shall neglect or refuse to take and subscribe such affirmation shall not be installed into office, but the said office shall be declared vacant, and the Lodge or Encampment, as the case may be, shall proceed to elect or appoint a qualified Brother to fill the vacancy thereby created.

*Second* That no person shall be elected to or received into membership in any Subordinate Lodge of Odd Fellows under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, unless he shall subscribe an application for membership which shall contain a declaration, upon his honor, that he does not hold membership in the Patriarchal Circle or any successor thereof, by whatever name the same may be known or called.

*Third* That no Subordinate Encampment under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, shall elect to or receive into membership any member of a Subordinate Lodge who shall not, in his application, declare upon his honor as an Odd Fellow, that he does not hold membership in the Patriarchal Circle or any successor thereof, by whatever name the same may be known or called.

*Fourth.* That all persons who shall hereafter claim to be admitted as members of, or Representatives to, any Grand Lodge or Encampment of this Order, shall take and subscribe the affirmation first herein set forth; and no such Grand Lodge or Encampment shall hereafter admit to membership therein, or as Representative thereto, any person who shall refuse to take and subscribe such affirmation.

*Fifth.* That any Lodge, Encampment or officer who shall willfully neglect or shall refuse to carry out any of the provisions of the foregoing orders or directions, or who shall violate the same, and any member of the Order or person who shall thereafter become a member, who shall falsely make, take or subscribe either of the foregoing affirmations, shall be deemed guilty of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be expelled.

*All Grand Masters and Grand Patriarchs are required to promulgate to their Subordinates the above orders and directions, and they and all Grand Lodges and Encampments shall cause the same to be obeyed.*

JNO. H. WHITE, *Grand Sire.*

Attest: THEO. A. ROSS, *Grand Secretary.*

The legality of the proclamation has been questioned. Mature reflection has convinced me that it is entirely legal, yet the Representatives may think otherwise. If they do, it is their duty to so declare it, but whether legal or illegal, the Order, at least the great mass of it, has yielded cheerful obedience to it. That it has had a salutary effect there is, in my mind, not a particle of doubt. Those who have found the most fault with it are Circle members and their sympathizers—the disloyal, not the loyal Odd Fellows.

The following communications explain themselves, and were written in answer to communications from Wisconsin and Indiana:

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F.,

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE,

Albion, Orleans County, N. Y., Jan. 14th, 1887.

*Henry Faville, Grand Master, Milwaukee, Wis.:*

MY DEAR BROTHER—I am extremely sorry for the trouble you are having in your jurisdiction, but the fact of the trouble proves, to my mind, the wisdom of my action in issuing the proclamation. If those who refuse to take the affirmation are members of the Circle, they ought not to occupy the chairs; if they refuse from sympathy with the members of the Circle, then "they know not what they do." Any Lodge or Encampment that will tolerate within its borders a ring, banded together by a solemn obligation to prefer members of that ring to all others, in all things, even with the qualification there is in the



Circle obligation, is ready to commit suicide. Certain it is that every Lodge who has among its membership even a few members belonging to the Circle, has within it just such a *ring*, and they will control its action. This has been done in the State of Wisconsin to the detriment of as good Odd Fellows as there is in the world, and it will continue to be so as long as such a ring is tolerated.

All the honorable, high-minded men of the Circle have withdrawn either from the Circle or from our Order, and they, as well those who withdrew from our Order as those from the Circle, have my highest respect. They have shown themselves to be men possessed of that highest of all manly qualities, self-respect. Those who still retain their membership in both Orders and conceal, as much as they may, the fact of their Circle membership, are unfit to belong to either Order, or to associate with those possessing the attributes of manhood, and of such there are not a few, according to my best information, in proportion to the Circle membership.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge has said that no Circle member can remain an Odd Fellow and retain his membership in that Order, and it has authorized and empowered me to carry out and enforce that law, and those who know me best know that I will not shirk that duty. It may be thought—indeed, I know that some good, loyal, true Odd Fellows *do* think—that the proclamation was ill-timed and unwise, but they have not the means of information at my command. If they knew of the complaints received from former Circle members, and from the Patriarchs Militant and from Brothers high in the councils of the Order, that entire Lodges and Encampments are controlled by a few oath-bound members of the Circle (of which the statements in your communication are strong corroboration), their belief would be changed, unless they are willing to surrender to a handful of men in a few jurisdictions. This information comes from reliable Odd Fellows, who desire that their names should not be known in connection with the information imparted. But two or three jurisdictions, at most, are seriously affected by Circle influence, and the proclamation would have gladly been confined in its operation to those jurisdictions affected to any extent, but it could not be made otherwise than general in its application.

I am impressed with the belief that the Patriarchal Circle originated in a purpose to obtain the control of our Order to enable ambitious, designing men to obtain place and power, else why was it necessary to obligate its members to prefer their own to another's membership?

I have no knowledge, nor has any information ever come to me, that any other Order ever administered an obligation of this kind, except an old political organization which had a ring within a ring and a ring within that, and which was of short duration and destructive in its effects.

This obligation feature is my chief objection to the Circle, and I deem it one of vital importance. Its establishment has been inimical to Odd Fellowship, which has a marked and steady increase in all sections, save only those wherein the Circle has a foothold, and, thank God, those sections are but few.

Thus, Grand Master, I have given you some of the reasons for my action, not because I deem that it needed an apology, but because those who are in authority and are having trouble with the question may perhaps be strengthened in their determination to remove from our noble Order this barnacle which has attempted to fasten itself upon its vitals.

I ask you to appeal to those misguided Brethren to change their course, for most of them are honest and well-meaning men, but they have been deceived and misled by the few designing men who control that Order.

No one dislikes arbitrary measures more than I do, and no one esteems freedom of thought and action more highly, but heroic treatment is sometimes the best. It is better to amputate a diseased member than that the whole body become putrefied.

Trusting that you may be successful in your efforts to preserve your noble jurisdiction from injury, I subscribe myself

Yours fraternally,

JNO. H. WHITE, *Grand Sire.*



SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F.,  
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE,

Albion, N. Y., January 15th, 1887.

*Henry Faville, Grand Master:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—In answer to your questions as to the law I will state that, in the absence of any local law on the subject, and in the light of Decision No. 47 of Grand Sire GAREY (1886, Journal, 10,254), the Noble Grand-elect having refused to take the affirmation required by the Grand Sire's proclamation of December 23d, 1886, the Vice Grand-elect, on taking said affirmation, can be installed as Vice Grand and act as Noble Grand. He may also appoint subordinate officers.

All members who are not more than thirteen weeks in arrears for dues, and against whom no charges are pending, are entitled to the Pass Word.—*Digest*, 994.

The refusal to take the affirmation required by said proclamation is not sufficient to debar him of his right, nor is the mere refusal so to do evidence that he is a member of the Patriarchal Circle.

Fraternally yours,

JNO. H. WHITE, *Grand Sire*,

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F.,  
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE,

Albion, Orleans County, N. Y., January 22d, 1887.

*Henry Faville, Grand Master:*

MY DEAR BROTHER—Yours of the 17th inst. received. The trouble with the action you suggest is that the last Grand Sire of the Sovereign Grand Lodge has made a decision which I must observe, that is in the way. The act of 1885 (Journal, 10,130) is defective in not providing the means of ascertaining who are Circle members. If they had said in their resolution what they did in their report, that "A person who admits that he is a member of an Order which is proscribed by the laws of this Grand Body is not an Odd Fellow in good standing," with a little additional verbiage, the plan might work; but then comes the decision of Grand Sire GAREY, last session, No. 11, page 10,251, Journal, 1886, approved by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, that a Circle member might receive a Withdrawal Card before January 1st, 1886, which card, of course, certifies to his good standing and recommends him to the friendship and protection of the Order for one year. Perhaps the fact that it is before January 1st may make some difference, but the principle seems to be decided that they were in good standing, and, if it is so, it follows that they are entitled to the Pass Word. However, as there is no immediate necessity, as new officers have been installed and the Pass Word given out, I will consider it further and advise.

Fraternally yours,

JNO. H. WHITE, *Grand Sire*.

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F.,  
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE,

Albion, Orleans Co, N. Y., February 5th, 1887.

*A. N. Grant, Grand Master:*

MY DEAR BROTHER—Yours of the 3d instant, with enclosures from Muncie Lodge, No. 74, received, and in reply I will say: That the proclamation of the Grand Sire of December 23d, 1886, does not require Lodges or Encampments to provide other, different or additional books from those now in use in the installation of officers or initiation of candidates. It does not change or profess to change the Rituals of the Order in any way whatever. The affirmation required to be taken by officers-elect can be taken and subscribed in the ante-room after the Grand Marshal has retired with them for examination. This



is simply a part of their examination required to ascertain whether they are qualified for installation as officers, and is no part of the installation ceremony.

As to the application of candidates for membership, it is very easy to write the affirmation at the end of his application for membership until such times as new applications are required to be printed. The following form to be written or printed at the end of the application is suggested as a full compliance with the terms of the proclamation: "And I declare upon my honor that I do not hold membership in the Patriarchal Circle or any successor thereof, by whatever name the same may be known or called."

I exceedingly regret that any trouble should be occasioned to any but those who are not disposed to live up to the requirements of the law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, but I deemed the proclamation a necessity to correct existing abuses, of which I had information, and in view of my solemn obligation to see that those laws are faithfully executed, having been educated into the belief that that obligation was not a mere *form* to be lived up to or neglected at pleasure.

You are at liberty to print this for the information of your Subordinates.

Truly and fraternally yours,

JNO. H. WHITE, *Grand Sire*.

### Manchester Unity.

The following correspondence in reference to some sort of a union between our Order and the Manchester Unity is respectfully submitted for the consideration of the Grand Lodge:

[SEAL]

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS,  
MANCHESTER UNITY, FRIENDLY SOCIETY,

6 and 8 Clerkenwell Road, London, E. C., December 21st, 1886.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—It was my privilege to receive a communication from your predecessor in office, Grand Sire HENRY F. GAREY. I have also received very interesting and warm letters from other influential members of your Order. I submitted this correspondence to the Board of Directors of the Manchester Unity, I. O. O. F., at our last board meeting in November.

Very great pleasure was expressed by my Brethren at our once again having "touch" with your branch of our great fellowship. We heartily reciprocate the sentiment expressed by Bro. GAREY in his letter to me: "It is but natural that we should from time to time renew the ancient bonds of fellowship under the divine sanction of Friendship, Love and Truth."

I was authorized to continue the correspondence with a view to intercommunication being established between the two great Orders. We, on our part, have a sincere desire to re-open friendly relations by interchange of documents, visiting privileges, and, under proper restrictions, the oversight of members sick and in distress.

I therefore ask—

1st. That the matter of our old visiting privileges be considered by your governing body with a view to its being re-established, and should it be thought advisable, under what circumstances and arrangements members may be permitted to visit Lodges of both Orders.

I suggest that it could be done by means of a mutually-accepted Visiting Certificate, especially prepared and approved by both Bodies, giving the fullest particulars and history of the Brother using it, signed by the officers of the Lodge and district to which he belongs.

2d. That an exchange be made of all documents of a generally interesting nature published by the central offices of both Orders.

I send you copies of our Quarterly Reports for the past year; Monthly Magazine, for twelve months; Supplemental Report, containing Mr. HENRY RADCLIFFE's tables, compiled from the experience of the Manchester Unity; "Sta-

tistics (1850);" copy of our Almanac, just issued for 1887; General Rules; Directory.

Any other information or documents you may wish for I shall be most pleased to send you.

Hoping that the oneness of our purposes and efforts to raise and draw mankind into closer union may draw our two Orders together and keep us united, is the wish of yours in the bonds of our two Orders, Friendship, Love and Truth.

JAMES JOHN STOCKALL,  
G. M. M. U., I. O. O. F.

P. S.—I deferred writing in the hope that I should receive from some of my many American correspondents a report of the proceedings of your Sovereign Grand Lodge, held in September last; not having had that privilege, I felt I could not defer writing any longer. Please acknowledge receipt of books, as I have sent them to Baltimore.

Wishing you a happy term of office and a happy New Year, I am

Yours fraternally,

J. J. S.

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F.,  
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE,

Albion, Orleans Co., N. Y., January 17th, 1887.

*James John Stockall, G. M. M. U., I. O. O. F.:*

MY DEAR BROTHER—I was very much pleased at the receipt of yours of the 21st ult., and I cordially reciprocate the sentiments expressed therein. It would seem as though Odd Fellows the world over ought to be united, and yet, owing to diverse habits, modes of thought, education and religious beliefs, it may not be practicable. As we learn from our records, the attempt at some sort of a union of the two organizations was made in former years and failed, but that is no reason why the attempt should not be renewed. The world is coming closer together every day, and it may be that the opportune moment has arrived for such an attempt. So far as I am concerned I have no power in the premises, but I shall take great pleasure in laying your communication before the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its next session, with the recommendation that they give the whole subject their serious and careful consideration. The practical way, it seems to me, is for both Orders to select a committee of its oldest, best and most judicious men to consider the matter. If this be done, and they can arrive at some sort of an arrangement, it doubtless would be for the benefit of both Orders.

So far as the exchange of documents is concerned, our Grand Lodge, at its last session, took action, and the Grand Secretary will forward to your address such documents as are in his possession. Accept our cordial thanks for those you have furnished, and I shall take great pleasure in their perusal, and I shall endeavor to give them a critical examination. They had not been received at the last mention of the Grand Secretary of them on the 8th instant, but presume they will arrive in due time.

Trusting the correspondence may be continued as may be convenient and agreeable to you, I subscribe myself with great respect,

Yours in our mutual bonds of Friendship, Love and Truth,

JOHN HULL WHITE,  
Grand Sire, Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.

### Necessary Legislation.

1. It is not usual, but perhaps proper, for the Grand Sire to suggest such legislation as, in the discharge of his duties, he may find necessary to harmonize the law. In this line I suggest that the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge be amended by inserting after the word "Order," in the first line of Article I., the words "of the Degree of Truth."



2. Amend Article II. of said By-Laws, line one, by striking out the word "qualified," and inserting in lieu thereof "Royal Purple."

These wordings have given rise to queries and contentions.

3. Amend Article I. of the Constitution of Subordinates by striking out of the second line the words "including one qualified to preside at its sessions," and insert "of the Degree of Truth."

4. Amend Article VII., Section 4, by striking out "twenty-six nights" in the fourth line, and insert "a regular term."

5. Amend Article VIII., Section 1, of the Constitution of Subordinate Encampments, by adding after "vacancy," in the fourth line, "except for the two terms after an Encampment has been instituted or revived."

### Insurance Organizations.

Complaints have been repeatedly made to me in reference to organizations which are springing up all over the country, denominated Odd Fellows' Benevolent Associations, many of which, it is alleged, are not conducted on a sound basis, and some of which, it is alleged, use fraudulent means to obtain business. A number of these companies have failed to meet their obligations, and it is said are bringing discredit upon the Order. I call your attention to this subject, that measures may be adopted to correct the evils complained of.

### Qualifications for Membership.

Among the proposed amendments to the Constitution pending, is one of which I trust it may not be inappropriate for me to say a few words. That amendment is the one to Article XVI., Section 2, found on page 10,483 of the Journal, relating to the age of applicants. Long and careful reflection and study, extending over a number of years, have convinced my naturally conservative mind that this amendment ought to be adopted. The age fixed is an entirely arbitrary one. When established it was so fixed from the experience of past ages as the proper period at which to invest the youth with the exercise of certain rights not enjoyed by those of tender years, it being considered that they had then arrived at such an age as to be qualified by education and experience to properly discharge the duties devolving upon them. This standard, entirely proper in the past, is not suited to this age. Now, young men at eighteen are much better qualified to exercise the rights of manhood than those at twenty-one were when the rule was established. With the introduction and establishment of the common school, the newspaper, the telegraph and other helps to education and civilization, the boy of eighteen of to-day is more experienced, farther advanced in education, and better qualified for business than the man of yesterday was at twenty-five or thirty. Why, then, retain this arbitrary period of twenty-one? The usual objection is, that the laws of the land not recognizing them as competent to enter into contracts, it would be a source of trouble and render Lodges liable to law-suits on their behalf. The experience of other Orders does not bear out this assertion, and, besides, it is a fact, within the knowledge of almost any Odd Fellow of ten years' standing, that it is not the young men in the Order who make the trouble, it is the old members that create all or nearly all the disturbance. Again, that it would be of great benefit to our Order I have no doubt. It would infuse new life and blood into it and give it an unwonted vitality. The class who would naturally be brought in by this amendment are the class to don the uniform of the Patriarchs Militant, and thus increase that branch of the Order. It would also be of incalculable benefit to large numbers of worthy young men by bringing them within the influence and under the teachings of our Ritual. The good seed would thus be sown on a pure and virgin soil, and be much more apt to take root and bear fruit, such as pure Odd Fellowship only can bring forth. Allow me to repeat that, after a most careful and painstaking examination and



consideration of the subject, I have come to the conclusion that this amendment ought to, and I trust it will, be adopted. The growing sentiment of the Order will compel it ultimately, and there are many reasons why now is the accepted time.

### Patriarchs Militant.

No statistics having come to hand at the time of preparing this report, none are embodied herein. The report of the Lieutenant-General will give you full details of the condition of that branch of the Order. Incidentally I understand that it is in a prosperous condition, and that there is quite an increase in the membership.

From suggestions of prominent members of Cantons and other sources, it seems to me that some legislation is necessary to perfect the workings of the institution, to the end that it may work smoothly and in harmony with all its parts. It is an important adjunct, and, if properly managed and controlled, is of great value to the Order. If, on the contrary, it is suffered to run improperly, it will only be productive of jealousy on the part of those not members of Cantons, and finally produce great injury instead of benefit. It needs to be carefully guarded, and the Grand Lodge should use perhaps more than ordinary deliberation in legislating in reference to it. It should be treated for just what it is, a side degree, only valuable as an adjunct, and a help to the great body of the Order, the Subordinate membership. Being merely, so to speak, a lay member, not possessing the slightest knowledge of military matters, it is with great diffidence that I make any suggestions at all with reference to it; still, from the fact that complaints and suggestions have come to me in reference to the matter, I should not perhaps be doing my duty to the Order whose interests I am obligated to guard, if these general suggestions were not made. A voluntary society or association cannot be governed by purely military rules. They are not like a body of soldiery, employed by government, under pay, and bound by the terms of their enlistment to go wherever they are commanded to go, and to do whatever in the military line they are commanded to do, under pain of court martial and punishment by imprisonment or even death. Our membership is of that class, as a rule, who are obliged to work for a living. Many are not, so to speak, their own masters, but are in the employ of others, as clerks, superintendents, artisans or laborers, and, of course, cannot turn out whenever they may be ordered so to do. It is a serious question, how much legislative or even executive power should be delegated by the Grand Lodge to the officers of the Militants individually or even to the military council. It is safer to hold the reins in the hands of the Grand Lodge itself. Another subject is suggested, and that is as to the propriety of requiring the Uniformed Patriarchs to disband or muster in as Cantons. Quite a number of these organizations are in existence and flourishing. They have purchased uniforms at great expense, and desire to retain both their uniform and their organization. They will not muster in as Cantons, but will disband first, and one of their main objections is that they do not wish to come in under military rules. Again, it may be questioned whether the Grand Lodge has the power to disband them without charges and conviction for some violation of law. (Digest, 447.)

These general suggestions are made with a view of calling the attention of the Grand Lodge to the matter, and while doing so I desire not to be misunderstood. It is not from any feeling of opposition to the degree that these suggestions are made, but solely that the degree and the workings of the army may be perfected by the legislation of this Grand Body in the interest of the whole Brotherhood. Thus far the degree has, in my opinion, been of benefit. It has infused new life into sluggish Lodges and Encampments, and brought into the Order much new and valuable material. The great point with very many is, that the Sovereign Grand Lodge, as to this, as every other branch of the Order, must remain the *sovereign head*.



## Deaths.

Since the close of the last Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge one more of the Fathers of the Order has gone to his rest. WILLIAM WALKER MOORE, Past Grand Sire, departed this life at his home, in Washington, on the 23d day of December, 1886, full of years and honors, his age being eighty-four.

Bro. MOORE was admitted to a seat in the Grand Lodge of the United States October 5th, 1840, as Representative from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, and on the next day was elected and installed into the office of Deputy Grand Sire (Journal, 343, 344), but served only until the close of that Session. He continued to act as Representative of his Grand Lodge until the end of the Session of 1849, after which he resigned his position as such Representative. On the second day of the Session of 1850, he was elected to the office of Grand Sire, and was installed at the commencement of the succeeding Session of 1851. This is his official record. It was not my good fortune to have an intimate acquaintance with the deceased, and I will leave the recital of his personal history to other and abler hands; suffice it to say that he was always spoken of, by those who knew him best, in terms of the highest respect. He leaves a spotless name, and his memory is revered by all of the Brethren of his jurisdiction.

Other and worthy workers in the field of Odd Fellowship have fallen by the way; though the number of Past Grand Representatives reported is not large, yet among the names we find some of special prominence in the Order in their day. A list is contained in the following proclamation, issued by authority of this Grand Lodge:

## MEMORIAL DAY PROCLAMATION.

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F.,  
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE.

*To whom these presents shall come, Greeting:*

Pursuant to instructions contained in the resolution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, adopted at its annual session held at Boston, September, 1886 (Journal, 10,517), I, JOHN H. WHITE, Grand Sire, do hereby request all Subordinate Lodges under our jurisdiction to assemble at their respective Lodge-rooms on the 20th day of October, 1887, the anniversary of the death of THOMAS WILDEY, Past Grand Sire, and engage in appropriate memorial exercises respecting their deceased members; such exercises to be conducted in a manner appropriate to the occasion. Should a different day be more convenient, any Lodge is permitted to hold such services on any day such Lodge may select.

Information has been received of the death of the following Past Officers and members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge since the last annual communication, with date of death, and age, respectively:

December 23d, 1886—WILLIAM WALKER MOORE, Past Grand Sire, District of Columbia, aged 84 years.

October 21st, 1886—WILSON SMALL, Past Grand Representative, New York, aged 72 years.

November 29th, 1886—ROBERT THOMPSON, Past Grand Representative, Tennessee, aged 61 years.

January 6th, 1887—JAMES V. JONES, Past Grand Representative, Wisconsin, aged 59 years.

January 10th, 1887—JOHN G. ROGERS, Past Grand Representative, Illinois, aged 69 years.

January 29th, 1887—IRA DOE, Past Grand Representative, New Hampshire, aged 60 years.

March 3d, 1887—JOHN W. ORR, Past Grand Representative, New Jersey, aged 72 years.

April 10th, 1887—LEVI EMPIE, Past Grand Representative, Kansas, aged 71 years.

June 7th, 1887—DAVID McDONALD, Past Grand Representative, Wisconsin, aged 84 years.

July 9th, 1887—MARVIN T. TOTTINGHAM, Past Grand Representative, New Hampshire, aged 62 years.

Done at the city of Columbus, in the State of Ohio, U. S. A., this 15th day of August, 1887, and of our Order the sixty-ninth year.

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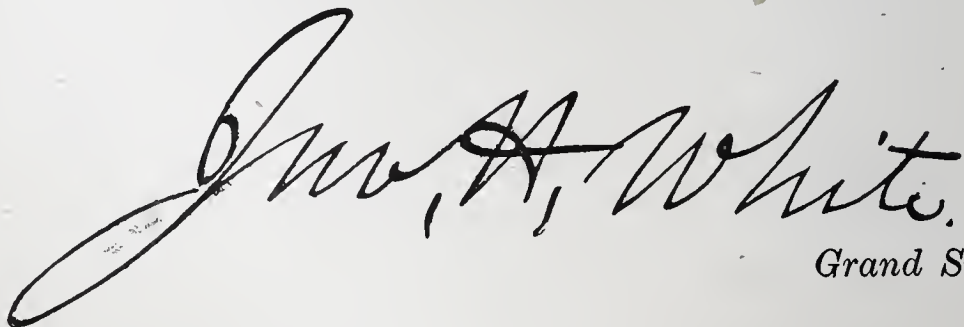
JNO. H. WHITE, *Grand Sire.*

Attest: THEO. A. ROSS, *Grand Secretary.*

### Conclusion.

Thus, Representatives, I have presented to you a brief statement of the "Acts and Decisions" of the Grand Sire during the recess, and I trust, doubtfully, that they will meet with your approval. Mistakes may, and doubtless have, been made, and if we accept the conclusions of a portion of the fraternal press in reference to the question, there is no sort of doubt but that mistakes of the grossest character have been perpetrated, but it is human to make mistakes, and in a nature so positively human as that of the Grand Sire, it seems inevitable that some should occur. I hope this Grand Lodge will make no mistakes, and that if the Grand Sire has made any, it will unhesitatingly correct them. The good of the Order absolutely requires this, and that is of far more importance than either the pride or the feelings of any one man, however exalted a position he may hold. Of one thing you may rest assured, the Grand Sire has *endeavored* to do his duty and to execute *all the laws of this Grand Lodge*, and to take all the means in his power and within his authority to enforce them, whether they were popular laws with the whole Order, or whether there was a fraction within the Order opposed to the enforcement of them or not. It is not difficult to enforce a popular law, and an officer deserves no special credit for so doing. He who attempts to enforce an unpopular one may not receive credit for wisdom, but he certainly deserves your thanks for the attempt, and your commiseration for the position in which an honest effort to fulfill his installation obligation may have placed him.

This session is one of more than ordinary importance. Several questions of vital moment to the well-being of our Order are to come up for your deliberation, and I trust that Representatives will see the importance, each one for himself, of giving his close personal attention to the business in hand; that time enough will be taken to deliberate calmly and dispassionately upon the various matters coming before us, so that when the session closes we shall all feel that we have done our whole duty to the Order at large, as well as to the particular constituency which sent us here. Do this, and peace, harmony and prosperity will abound, and only loyalty will abide within our Order.

A large, elegant handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jno. H. White". The signature is written in dark ink and occupies a significant portion of the lower half of the page.

*Grand Sire.*

Albion, N. Y., September, 1887.



The Grand Sire submitted the following:

### SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

Since preparing my regular report I have made the following decisions:

1. *Question.* Can an Encampment receive petitions and ballot on them at a special meeting without permission of the Grand Patriarch?

*Answer.* An Encampment cannot receive propositions or ballot for membership at a special meeting, even with the consent of the Grand Patriarch. While I have great doubt as to the correctness of this decision, especially as to the reception of petitions, I thought it was the safer rule to hold in that manner, as the S. G. L. session is so near that it could lay down the correct rule in a very short time if this was wrong. I understand this to be in accordance with the general practice of Lodges, but possibly the question may be one for local regulation.

2. *Question.* Can a Patriarch take a Withdrawal Card from his Encampment, he living several miles from the location of it, and deposit the same in another Encampment in the same jurisdiction, more remote from his residence?

*Answer.* The general rule is that he cannot. Digest 626, 627, 628. But this is a subject for the regulation of the Subordinate Grand Body.

3. *Question.* Can a team gotten up for the purpose of working the Rebekah Degree be allowed to take the places of the officers and work the Degree?

*Answer.* A Noble Grand or Vice Grand of any Lodge, Subordinate or Rebekah, is not obliged to surrender his chair to a team in conferring the Degrees, although I think these officers in a Rebekah Lodge should allow it to be done, unless they are capable of doing it in a creditable manner themselves. As a rule the ladies take more pride in the matter than the male members, and the times are such as to require a departure in some cases from the old rules.

Any association doing business under the name of "The Odd Fellows' National Benevolent Association," unless such association is sanctioned by a State Grand Body, as provided in Sections 405 and 406, Digest, is an illegal association. The business transacted by that or any similar association is a "private business or enterprise" within Section 402, and any member of the Order engaged in any such business under any such name is liable to charges and expulsion.

### Petitions.

The following petitions are referred to the Grand Lodge, the Grand Sire not having the power to grant them:

To allow a Funeral Ode, by Charles Woolford, P. G. Rep., to be printed. Copy submitted herewith.

To allow the printing and sale of a tract on Odd Fellowship. Copy submitted herewith.

### Warrants Issued.

August 10th, 1887, for Fidelity Lodge, No. 10, New Mexico.

August 23d, 1887, for Veritas Lodge, No. 2, Sweden.

September 3d, 1887, for Grand Lodge of New Mexico, at Las Vegas.

### Insurance Companies.

On re-examining the subject of Odd Fellows' Benefit Associations, I have become satisfied that very little attention is paid by the various State and Colonial Grand Lodges to the organization of these bodies. Individual Odd Fellows organize and are allowed to run and do business by these Grand Bodies without let or hindrance, or question in any manner. Where they are

not authorized by the Grand Bodies within whose borders they are located, they are in direct violation of the law of this Grand Lodge. Digest, Section 402. An action has been commenced against one of these companies, located in Cincinnati, by the policy-holders, and a recovery had on the ground, as reported in the papers, that the "benefits under the policy were cut off by conditions," and they recovered back the money they had paid for premiums. The title of this institution was "The Odd Fellows' National Benefit Association," and Odd Fellows were engaged in it. If the statement be correct, nothing can be devised which will tend more strongly to bring discredit on our Order than this kind of swindling. It is not only an outrage upon the Order, but an especial disgrace to the members who knowingly engage in it.

### Cuba.

It is alleged by the D. D. Grand Sire of Cuba that political questions are discussed in one or more Lodges in the island of Cuba, and that a paper called *La Fraternidad*, published in Havana in the interest of the Order, publishes articles of a political character, tending to bring discredit upon the Order in that island. In his last letter he claims that at least a portion of this difficulty is the result of the transfer of two of the Lodges to the jurisdiction of Florida. A copy of the paper, with the offending articles, is submitted. I trust the Grand Lodge will investigate this matter, and if necessary revoke the action of the Grand Sire in transferring the Lodges alluded to, to the jurisdiction of Florida.

I present herewith the appeal of P. H. STEARNS from the action of Grand Canton Worcester, No. 3, P. M., in dishonorably discharging him from membership therein.

JNO. H. WHITE, *Grand Sire*.

September 19th, 1887.

Rep. STEVENS, of Minnesota, moved the following, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the reports of the Grand Sire be referred to a special committee of five, for the purpose of distributing the several subjects therein referred to to appropriate committees.

The Chair named the committee as follows :

Reps. STEVENS, of Minnesota; CELLEY, of Vermont; HEITMAN, of Nevada; HOLMES, of Iowa; METSCHAN, of Oregon.

The Grand Secretary submitted his annual report, as follows :

### REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

The Grand Secretary respectfully submits his annual report of the transactions of his office for the year ending August 20th, 1887. The special duties assigned to him, to be discharged during the recess, are as follows :

1. *Resolved*, That the appeal of Western Star Lodge, No. 4, I. O. O. F., of Montana, be sustained; and the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Idaho, be instructed to take such action as will direct Bellevue Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F., to drop said Bro. WM. P. PARSONS from their roll of membership, and place



him in the same standing in the Order as he was before said Lodge admitted him.—*Journal*, 10,387, 10,441.

2. *Resolved*, That the appeal of GEORGE E. EMMONS, Deputy Grand Master, be sustained, and the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia be directed to instruct Harmony Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F., to pay to the heirs of Bro. HOWE, or their duly authorized agent or attorney, the amount of funeral expenses claimed under their law.—*Journal*, 10,390, 10,441.

3. *Resolved*, That the appeal of GEORGE E. EMMONS, Grand High Priest, be sustained, and the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia be directed to instruct Columbia Encampment, No. 1, to pay the aforesaid heirs, or their authorized attorney, the funeral expenses (\$40), as applied for.—*Journal*, 10,394, 10,474.

4. *Resolved*, That the appeal of HENRY A. LANN be sustained, and the action of the Grand Lodge of Texas be reversed.—*Journal*, 10,400, 10,475.

5. That the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Chile proceed at once to hear and determine all appeals before it from Pacific Lodge, No. 2, after giving Pacific Lodge due notice; that Pacific Lodge furnish, upon like notice, all papers, documents, and copies of records that may not be in possession of the Grand Lodge, that it may desire for a full and just determination of said appeals, and certify to its action thereon, if Pacific Lodge shall desire to appeal to the Sovereign Grand Lodge from its decision.

That Pacific Lodge, No. 2, pay the assessments of the Grand Lodge that have been levied and are unpaid, or may hereafter be levied.

That said Lodge recognize the acting Grand Master.

That her Representatives to the Grand Lodge, duly accredited, be received and admitted as such, the right being reserved to the Grand Lodge, if any of them so returned have heretofore, while members, transgressed the rules of order and decorum, to arraign and properly punish them, and that, in the meantime, all obstructions to the use and control of the funds of the Lodge, placed upon them by the action of the Grand Lodge or its officers, be removed.—*Journal*, 10,403, 10,443.

6. *Resolved*, That the appeal of Carroll Lodge, No. 174, be sustained, and that the Grand Lodge of Indiana take immediate steps such as will prevent the said O. E. LINE from exercising the right of membership in the Order.—*Journal*, 10,407, 10,443.

7. *Resolved*, That the appeal of Bro. GRAFTON HARPER against the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia be sustained, and that the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia be instructed to require Covenant Lodge, No. 13, to pay Bro. GRAFTON HARPER the benefits claimed by him, from January 2d, 1886.—*Journal*, 10,407, 10,443.

8. *Resolved*, That the appeal of JOHN H. DARNE from the action of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia be sustained, and that the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia direct Covenant Lodge, No. 13, to pay weekly benefits to said Bro. RICHARD CRUIT from January 4th, 1886, to the time of filing his claim for benefits.—*Journal*, 10,434, 10,444, 10,476.

The decision of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, reversing the action of the several Grand Bodies in the eight cases mentioned above, was duly certified to the Executive Officers of the said Bodies.

9. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby directed to have the several reports and daily journals properly stamped for transmission by mail.—*Journal*, 10,415.

This duty was discharged during the session, and immediately after the adjournment.

10. *Resolved*, That Representatives having obituary notices to present, may hand them to the Grand Secretary at any time during the session, to be printed in the *Perseus Journal*.—*Journal*, 10,436.

The memorials furnished will be found on pages 10,667 to 10,675, inclusive, Journal of 1886.

11. We recommend that a copy of the Revised Journal containing this report (on the death of Bros. W. G. DE SAUSSURE and LUTHER J. GLENN, Past Grand Sires, and JOHN HEESEMANN, Grand Representative,) be furnished to the families of each of said deceased Brothers.—*Journal*, 10,486, 10,511.

This direction was complied with at the earliest moment possible.

12. *Resolved*, That a duplicate Charter be granted to Deming Lodge, No. 6, New Mexico, free of cost, and that the sum of \$12.50, paid for Rituals, be refunded.—*Journal*, 10,490, 10,641.

The above order received early attention; a duplicate Charter was issued and Warrant No. 3,782 was drawn on the Grand Treasurer, and the money forwarded to Deming Lodge.

13. *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Australasia shall continue to have, and it is hereby requested to exercise, all the powers of a Colonial Grand Encampment in the colonies under its jurisdiction where no Grand Encampments have been instituted.—*Journal*, 10,502, 10,645.

14. *Resolved*, That until the Grand Lodge of Australasia shall have had reasonable time to take steps to procure for the same full power, without further authority from us to itself, may authorize the transaction of business in the Initiatory Degree in Australasia, as indicated in the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations, adopted at our last annual session, and until our further order in the premises, no further steps be taken toward the enforcement in Australasia of our rule requiring the transaction of business in the Third Degree.—*Journal*, 10,502, 10,645.

The above important action was certified to the authorities of the Grand Lodge of Australasia, on the 12th of October, 1886. Bro. JUDGE, to whom the document was addressed, was, at the time, very sick, and he died on the 15th of December, 1886. The receipt of the paper was not acknowledged, as no further letters came from Bro. JUDGE, and Bro. JOSEPH BROOKE, appointed to fill the vacancy in the office of Grand Secretary, in his letters of December 27th, 1886, and March 10th, 1887, did not refer to the subject. It will be seen, however, under "Australasia," that Grand Sire GANE mentions the matter in his report to the Grand Lodge of Australasia, May 17th, 1887.

15. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby instructed to cause White's Digest to be translated into the Danish, as well as Spanish, language, either personally or through others, members of the Order, whom he may deem proper to employ; upon condition, however, that the parties desiring such translation shall pay all expenses connected with the same, and that this Grand Lodge shall not be held to pay any part thereof.—*Journal*, 10,503, 10,645.

Due notice of the adoption of the above resolution was transmitted to Copenhagen and Havana, to those who had applied for permission to translate and print the Digest. Grand Secretary HANSEN advised that he had commenced the translation in the Danish language, and considerable correspondence was had with Brothers in Havana concerning the Spanish version. Bro. FABIAN MARTIN was recommended as competent for the work and willing to undertake the printing. The Brother, however, demanded that he should be protected by having the sole right to translate and print the book. This, for the reason that there is no international copyright law, could not be acceded to, and nothing further has been done in the matter.



16. *Resolved*, That the several Grand Bodies and Lodges and Encampments subordinate to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be required to report to this Grand Lodge: 1st. The number of schools and colleges under their control. 2. The number of children attending the same. 3. The number of children kept at other schools not under the control of the Order; and, 4th. The amount paid out per term on account of the same.—*Journal*, 10,508, 10,646.

Blanks containing the above action were distributed to Grand Bodies, and to the Subordinates under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, but without important result, as appears from the detail of replies received, to be found in another part of this report.

17. *Resolved*, That the petition of T. B. ROBINSON be referred to the Grand Lodge of California, to inquire into the action of Templar Lodge, No. 17, in the matter of T. B. ROBINSON, and report the same, with all the facts in relation thereto, at the next session of this Grand Body.—*Journal*, 10,512.

This action was duly certified to the Grand Master of California, and the reply of the Grand Lodge will be presented at this session.

18. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to mention in the Daily and Revised Journals the fact that a new Ritual for Rebekah Degree Lodges has been adopted.—*Journal*, 10,516.

The fact of the publication of a new Ritual for Rebekah Degree Lodges was mentioned in the Daily Journal, and the notice also appears on page 10,516, Revised Journal.

19. *Resolved*, That the resolution adopted at the last session, relative to gathering information and statistics in regard to charitable, benevolent, fraternal, beneficiary and other enterprises subsidiary to the general purposes of the Order, be continued in force, from year to year, until otherwise ordered.—*Journal*, 10,516.

Blanks for beneficial associations, to be filled with the information required by the above resolution, were promptly forwarded; but on the 23d of July it was ascertained that 32 of the 50 institutions that reported in 1886 (pp. 10,316–10,322, 10,692–10,694) had not transmitted returns this year. Notice was immediately sent to all of them requesting a compliance with the resolution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and returns were received by the 15th of August from 23 of the 32. The details, in tabular form, will be found in another portion of this report. Blanks were also issued for information concerning "Homes," etc., and a few returns have been received.

20. *Resolved*, Whereas, it is not only right and proper, but the very nature, spirit and desire of the Order demand, that a day be set apart in each year on which its members may unite in solemn *Memorial Exercises* in behalf of their honored dead, and it is believed that the most appropriate time for such service would be upon the 20th day of October, which day is that on which our Past Grand Sire WILDEY, who, after long years of earnest and successful work in our behalf, was gathered to his fathers; be it, therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Grand Sire, in conjunction with the Grand Secretary, is hereby instructed to issue a proclamation annually, at least sixty days prior to October 20th, containing the purport of this preamble and resolution, requesting all Subordinate Lodges to assemble on the day above named and engage in appropriate memorial exercises respecting their deceased members, such exercises to be conducted in a manner appropriate to the occasion. Said proclamation shall embrace the names of such officers and members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and past officers and members, if any, who died during the term.

herein named. This resolution to take effect in the year 1887; *provided, however*, that if a different day be more convenient for any Lodge to hold such memorial service, such Lodge may select the day.—*Journal*, 10,517.

The instruction as above, was complied with by the Grand Sire preparing the paper, and a copy of the proclamation, forwarded from this office August 15th, 1887, to each officer and member of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, Grand Master, Grand Patriarch, etc., will be found in the report of the Grand Sire.

21. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be and hereby is instructed to furnish, free of cost, to all Grand Representatives and Grand Officers who have not already received them, the bound Journals of Proceedings, and, at cost, the revised Digest.—*Journal*, 10,518, 10,658.

The Journals, according to the above direction, were promptly forwarded to all officers and members entitled to the volumes, and copies of the Digest were furnished on application. One set of Journals (11 volumes) was returned to this office by the express company.

22. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge be and he is hereby authorized to send to the Grand Secretary of the Manchester Unity such number of the Journals of this Grand Lodge, annually, as he may desire copies of the Annual Journals of the Manchester Unity for the use of the officers of this Grand Body.—*Journal*, 10,518, 10,658.

Copies of the Journal of 1886 were forwarded to Grand Master STOCKALL and Grand Secretary COLLINS, of the Manchester Unity, and in a letter to the Grand Master the above resolution was thus referred to: "It will afford me pleasure to exchange Journals in the manner indicated in the report of the Committee on Correspondence, page 10,518, Journal of Sovereign Grand Lodge, and I suggest, if agreeable to the authorities of the Manchester Unity, that I will send to the Grand Secretary ten (10) copies (more, if needed), in exchange for ten copies of proceedings of the Grand Annual Movable Committee of the Manchester Unity." We have not received a reply to the letter. The magazines, etc., received, are detailed in the article in this report entitled "Library."

23. Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the petition of the Grand Encampment of Delaware, asking this Sovereign Grand Body to remit the Representative tax paid by said Grand Encampment in the year 1884, for the reason that their Representative did not attend on account of sickness, have had the same under consideration, and would recommend that the Representative tax, paid as above, be remitted.—*Journal*, 10,525, 10,660.

The amount (\$75) was placed to the credit of the Grand Encampment of Delaware and used in settlement of Representative tax for 1887.

24. Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the petition of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, that this Sovereign Grand Body remit the Representative tax for the year 1886, for the reason that they are unable to send a Representative to attend the session of this Grand Body, on account of pecuniary embarrassment, have had the matter under consideration, and recommend that the tax be remitted.—*Journal*, 10,525, 10,660.

The Grand Lodge of British Columbia was credited with \$75, as above, to balance the Representative tax for 1886, debited to the Grand Lodge.

25. By-Law, Article XVIII. Each State, District and Territorial Grand Lodge shall annually be furnished with as many copies of the printed proceedings of this Grand Lodge as it has Subordinate Lodges working under its jurisdiction, to be distributed among its Subordinates, and one-half of such number, but not



less than fifteen copies, for its own use. . Each Grand Encampment shall be furnished in the same manner; and each Lodge or Encampment working under the Warrant of this Grand Lodge, shall be furnished with a copy of the proceedings. The Grand Secretary shall see that this law is carried into effect at as early a date as possible after the close of the annual session of this Grand Lodge.—*Journal*, 10,525, 10,660.

The Revised Journals of 1886 were distributed in accordance with the above direction, and, it is believed, to the satisfaction of the several Bodies interested. Three hundred and forty-one Journals, in addition to the number heretofore furnished, were required by the above legislation.

26. *Resolved*, That all of the Encampments in British Columbia now or hereafter to be organized, be and they are hereby transferred to the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Washington Territory until a Grand Encampment is organized in said British Columbia, provided said Encampments request to be so transferred; otherwise to remain under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.—*Journal*, 10,527, 10,661.

Bro. JOHN WEILER, D. D. Grand Sire of British Columbia, was informed October 13th, of the above action, and under date of October 30th he advised: "I have communicated to the various Encampments the resolutions in regard to jurisdiction, and await their decision."

The Encampments affected by the above action are Vancouver, No. 1, Victoria; Harmony, No. 2, New Westminster; Nanaimo, No. 4, Nanaimo. November 17th, 1886, Vancouver, No. 1, indicated its desire to be under the Grand Encampment of Washington; March 23d, 1887, a similar request was made by Harmony, No. 2, and November 25th, 1886, by Nanaimo, No. 4; therefore all the Encampments in British Columbia are now under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Washington.

27. Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the matter of an appropriation for the erection of steps near the Ridgely Monument, have duly considered the same, and recommend that \$375 be appropriated therefor.—*Journal*, 10,529, 10,662.

Warrant No. 3,730, on the Grand Treasurer, for the above amount, was drawn to the order of the Commissioners of Harlem Square, and a receipt for the same is on file.

28. Your Committee on Finance have had under consideration the petition of Scania Lodge, No. 1, of Malmo, Sweden, for this Grand Body to refund the amount of \$34.45 dues to this Grand Lodge in 1884.

Being satisfied with the reasons given by Scania Lodge this committee recommends that the amount of \$34.45 be returned to Scania Lodge.—*Journal*, 10,529, 10,662.

The amount as above was duly transmitted to Scania Lodge, by P. O. money order, per Warrant No. 3,770, on the Grand Treasurer, and the receipt of the money was duly acknowledged.

29. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized and directed to draw warrants in favor of the persons named, as set forth in above report, amounting to the sum of \$1,443.47.—*Journal*, 10,531, 10,656.

This order was duly complied with.

30. *Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing Supplies are hereby directed to have printed a sufficient number of copies of the revised Ritual of the Rebekah Degree, and furnish the same to Grand Secretaries at the usual price; provided

that the Rituals now in use by Rebekah Degree Lodges may be exchanged for the Revised Ritual, for which old Rituals one dollar each shall be allowed.—*Journal*, 10,646.

31. *Resolved*, That the Revised Ritual of the Rebekah Degree, adopted at this session, shall take effect and be the only authorized work for Rebekah Degree Lodges on and after January 1st, 1887.—*Journal*, 10,646.

In pursuance of the above, the Committee on Printing Supplies ordered the books printed in English and German, and due notice of the terms of exchange was given to each Grand Secretary. The total number of copies (English and German) received was 4,066, all of which except about 400 have been issued. The details are submitted among the tables accompanying this report.

32. *Resolved*, That the item on page 206 of the Ledger, standing against W. H. BARNES, for amount of \$19.62, be credited to W. H. BARNES, and charged to account of Profit and Loss.—*Journal*, 10,651, 10,663.

The account was closed in accordance with the above direction.

33. *Resolved*, That \$300, or as much as may be necessary, be appropriated to provide a suitable oil portrait of the retiring Past Grand Sire GAREY, similar in style and finish to those procured for his predecessors.—*Journal*, 10,654.

Bro. GAREY was duly informed of the above action, and, as soon as his convenience permitted, made arrangements for the portrait, which, we are assured, will be ready by September 1st, 1887.

34. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Sovereign Grand Lodge are due and tendered Grand Sire GAREY for the able manner in which he has discharged his duties during the recess and presided at this session.

A copy of the above was promptly placed in the hands of Bro. HENRY F. GAREY, Past Grand Sire.

35. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby instructed to mail and send to the Grand Representatives, at the earliest practicable time, such parts of the Proceedings as have not been heretofore delivered.—*Journal*, 10,654.

This business was attended to as early as possible after the adjournment of the Grand Lodge. Not finding proper facilities in Boston for addressing and mailing the packages, the Daily Journals of Friday and Saturday were sent to and mailed from Baltimore. Some delay occurred in the receipt of the Journals, and it required some time to address nearly 4,000 packages. This explanation is made in view of the fact that there were some complaints of delay in getting the proceedings. All copies were deposited in the post-office within one week after the close of last session.

36. WHEREAS, The management of the New England Conservatory of Music extended an invitation to this Sovereign Grand Lodge to visit their institution, and prepared a very elaborate programme for our entertainment,

37. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Body be and are hereby extended to the management of the New England Conservatory of Music for their courteous invitation.

38. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to furnish the management with a copy of the above resolution.—*Journal*, 10,654.

39. *Resolved*, That this Grand Body desires to express its sincere regret that, by reason of important and pressing business, impossible to be evaded, the Representatives were unable to visit the New England Conservatory of Music on last evening.

40. *Resolved*, That a copy of the above resolution be sent to Mr. EBEN TOURJEE, Director.—*Journal*, 10,663.



41. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to forward copies of the resolutions introduced by Reps. BLACKFORD, of Missouri, and BUSBEE, of North Carolina, referring to the New England Conservatory of Music, *to-day*.—*Journal*, 10,666.

The above direction was promptly complied with by delivery of a copy of the resolutions on Saturday, September 25th, 1886.

42. *Resolved*, That copies of these resolutions (the report of the Special Committee on Complimentary Resolutions) be transmitted to the several parties mentioned.—*Journal*, 10,657.

This order received the earliest attention possible.

43. WHEREAS, Past Grand Patriarch E. BENTLEY YOUNG, of Massachusetts, was elected Grand Representative to this Grand Body; *and whereas*, his resignation was necessitated by reason of his holding a public position which demanded his personal attention at the time of the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge; be it therefore,

*Resolved*, That a set of the bound Journals of the proceedings of this Grand Body be and they are hereby directed to be presented to the said E. BENTLEY YOUNG.—*Journal*, 10,664.

The eleven volumes of Journals were forwarded soon after the close of last session, and the receipt of Bro. E. BENTLEY YOUNG for the same is on file.

44. *Resolved*, That our warmest thanks be and are hereby tendered to Bro. ISAAC B. RICH, the proprietor of Hollis Street Theater, for his great kindness in providing a gratuitous entertainment for us at his splendid theater.—*Journal*, 10,666.

This proceeding was certified to the Brother named.

45. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due to Rep. MALLORY, of Arkansas, for the valuable assistance rendered our Grand Secretary at this session, in reading reports, etc.—*Journal*, 10,666.

A copy of the above was forwarded to Rep. MALLORY.

46. WHEREAS, The Trustees and Faculty of Wellesley College, by their kind invitation to the Grand Representatives and ladies accompanying them, afforded to our ladies one of the most enjoyable days which ever in the course of life comes to any one; be it

*Resolved*, That our best thanks are due and given to said Trustees and Faculty, as well as to Mr. H. H. HUNNEWELL, of Wellesley, who so graciously welcomed the ladies to his beautiful gardens and grounds.—*Journal*, 10,666.

The above proceeding was duly certified to the parties named.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

Article VI. of the Constitution, designating the duties of the Grand Secretary, prescribes that "all communications transmitted or received by him, officially, shall be laid before the Sovereign Grand Lodge." This direction has been literally complied with by having present at each session all the official letters received during the year and the replies to the same. It is not to be expected, however, that any committee can devote the time required to examine several hundred manuscript letters, therefore it has been customary for the Grand Secretary to present abstracts of the most important communications received by him, in order that a full knowledge of the condition of the Order throughout the world may be obtained without difficulty. In pursuance of the practice that has existed many years, the following excerpts are presented:

## THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

ALABAMA.—The annual report of the Grand Lodge, showing a gain of 66 members, was received May 19th, from Bro. WILLIAM A. SHIELDS, Grand Secretary, with the following:

"You will see that we are still slowly advancing. The prospects for the coming year are seemingly bright, and the chances are that our Order will progress in the same proportion as the material prosperity of the State is increased."

The return of the Grand Encampment was received May 10th, from Bro. LEE R. MCKEE, Grand Scribe. A loss of 8 members is noted.

In letter of July 21st, Bro. SHIELDS wrote:

"The reports for July show improvement, and we have issued Dispensations for two new Lodges."

ALBERTA, CANADA.—The report of Alberta Lodge, No. 1, exhibits 51 members, an increase of 10 during the year. Alberta Encampment, No. 1, was instituted at Calgary, January 11th, 1887, under favorable circumstances.

Bro. GEORGE MURDOCH, D. D. Grand Sire, in letter of October 23d, 1886, said:

"Our work is progressing in this section. I am very anxious to get other Lodges started in my district, but the principal places are Edmontore, over one hundred miles north, and Fort McLeod, the same distance south. Neither can be reached by train, and traveling by stage would make it rather expensive for me to go on a missionary tour that I am sure would be successful. Please inform me about the Patriarchs Militant, as to whether it is a higher degree than the Royal Purple. I am a member of Milicete Encampment, No. 11, St. John, New Brunswick."

ARIZONA.—We are without special advice from this jurisdiction. The report received from Bro. N. A. MORFORD, Grand Secretary, March 30th, shows 6 Lodges with a membership of 326, a gain of 11. Granite Encampment, No. 1, reports 26 members, a loss of 1. On the 22d of February, 1887, Floral Encampment, No. 2, was instituted at Phoenix, and, we are assured, will have a prosperous existence.

ARKANSAS.—The returns of the Grand Lodge, showing a loss of 130 members, and the Grand Encampment a gain of 10, came to hand April 5th, from Bro. PETER BRUGMAN, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, who advises as follows:

"The report of the Grand Lodge, but for *error* in past reports, would show an increase of 84. I have reports from 8 of the 11 Rebekah Lodges, and give you what they contain. Of our Encampments, well, we are crawling upward, and the new year opens with encouragement; 2 new Camps already."

ASSINIBOIA, CANADA.—We have no information from the two Lodges in this district of the N. W. territory of Canada, as the bodies are under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. Bro. JOHN P. YOUNG, D. D. Grand Sire, in letter of August 3d, advised of the probability of organizing one or more Lodges very soon.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA.—On the 26th of March, the report of the Grand Lodge was received from Bro. FREDERICK DAVEY, Grand Secretary, with the following:

"You will observe that the report shows an increase of 1 Lodge and 86 members. Since the commencement of this year we have instituted another Lodge, and I am now in receipt of an application for a Charter for still another. When the latter is organized we shall require but one more to entitle us to all the rights and privileges of other jurisdictions, which position I hope to be able to report next year."

As mentioned elsewhere in this report, the four Encampments in British Columbia are under the Grand Encampment of Washington, consequently we have no information concerning them.

CALIFORNIA.—The returns of the Grand Lodge, exhibiting an increase in



membership of 297, and the Grand Encampment a gain of 208, were received April 28th from Bro. W. B. LYON, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, without special remarks.

COLORADO.—With the returns of the Grand Lodge, showing a gain of 110, and the Grand Encampment 49 members, received May 4th, Bro. J. M. NORMAN, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, wrote as follows:

"It affords me much pleasure to report a continued prosperity in the 'Centennial State.' Never before, since I have had the honor of filling my present office, has there been so much interest manifested in the Order, and I confidently expect a large increase during the present year. The general prosperity which is sweeping over the country is felt in Colorado, but the coming session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, to be held in this city next September, *especially* has created an enthusiasm among the members of the Fraternity that has never before existed. The Brotherhood are alive to the importance of the occasion, and are actively preparing to receive and entertain our distinguished guests. Our jurisdiction being young we cannot expect to equal the courtesies extended your Body on former occasions, but you can rest assured of a warm, fraternal welcome to the 'Wild West' and the 'Queen City of the Plains.'"

CONNECTICUT.—The report of the Grand Encampment, showing a gain of 174 members, was received March 9th, and the Grand Lodge March 21st. Bro. FREDERICK BOTSFORD, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, exultingly refers to the latter as follows:

"It is *the* report of the State. It has no parallel in the history of the Order in this State, and, I think, but few equals in the country for the year 1886. We have initiated 988, and our net gain is 722. We have a membership of 10,107, a fund of \$278,702.39, and the promises for the future are as bright as ever, conveying, to my mind, a feeling of stability and firmness. There has been a general improvement and advance in the rendering of the Work, which is immensely popular, entertaining and highly instructive. We have the finest, best-equipped and most convenient halls in the *world*, and there is an *esprit de corps* in the Order never known before. I am very proud of Connecticut, and if you will come up to Waterbury, Wednesday, May 18th, 1887, to the Grand Lodge session, I will guarantee to prove all I have said with regard to the condition of the Order, and to send you home *proud, too*, of the 'Nutmeg State.'"

On the 13th of April, Bro. BOTSFORD wrote:

"At last I have completed my report of the Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah. It has been a long struggle with the Sisters, but I believe I have conquered, and the report is correct. You will notice that we have lost 52 in membership, otherwise I believe the Degree is in fair condition. Some few Lodges are doing very fine work, but, so far, I do not find the desired result."

DAKOTA.—With the returns of the Grand Lodge, exhibiting a gain of 507, and the Grand Encampment, 203 members, received April 15th, Bro. RALPH R. BRIGGS, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, wrote:

"Our Rebekah Degree Lodges are not doing very well as a whole; the country is too new, it seems, as there are too many changes in society, which lacks the permanency to make these Lodges and this branch of the Order a success. We shall probably make a better showing in the near future. Our Subordinate Lodges are doing well, as they have from the start, with only a very few exceptions. Our growth has been steady and sure. Charters will be issued in a few days for 4 new Lodges (the petitions are on file), making our present number of Lodges 98. We are proud of our record. We have instituted 8 Encampments during the year. This growth is due, largely, to the attraction of our Order, the Patriarchs Militant Degree, of which we have 6 Cantons mustered and 2 more to muster in a short time. The Encampment branch of the Order has a permanent boom and will surely have a steady growth in this jurisdiction."



May 24th, Bro. BRIGGS wrote: "We have 99 Lodges, 23 Encampments, and 8 Cantons in Dakota, and more to follow."

DELAWARE.—Bro. ISAAC W. HALLAM, Grand Secretary, in transmitting the report of the Grand Lodge, which reached this office February 25th, thus advised:

"The Order in this jurisdiction has many adverse circumstances to contend with, yet our report, sent herewith, will show some gratifying features. With the exception of a loss of 3 in membership, we have more than held our own. Expenses have decreased, receipts have increased, and the invested funds of Subordinates are larger than ever. The outlook for the future is quite cheering."

The report of the Grand Encampment was received May 4th from Bro. EDWIN HIRST, Grand Scribe, with the following:

"Although the report shows a slight decrease in our membership (a loss of 3), I do not feel discouraged, because I think from present indications, and with returning prosperity in the labor market, we shall be able in our next report to show an increase instead of a decrease in our membership."

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—The report of the Grand Lodge, showing a loss of 242, and the Grand Encampment a gain of 15 members, came to hand March 18th. Bro. JOSEPH BURROUGHS, Grand Scribe and Assistant Grand Secretary, advised as follows:

"An error in previous reports of the membership of the Subordinate Lodges has been discovered, which has apparently extended back over a period of several years, and is at this time unexplainable. The actual decrease in membership during the past year was 20. It will be observed that a new Lodge of the Degree of Rebekah was organized during the past year, and that there was an increase of 33 in the membership. The indications point to a much larger increase in this branch of the Order during the coming year. Our Brother, Rev. P. HALL SWEET, Grand Secretary, died last night (March 16th) at 10 o'clock, at his late residence, 2911 N St., N. W., after a long period of great suffering. The funeral will take place on next Sunday, the 20th instant, at 3 o'clock P. M. Interment at Oak Hill Cemetery. It is gratifying to me to be able to report a continued increase (though small) in the Patriarchal membership."

FLORIDA.—The report of the Grand Lodge, exhibiting a loss of 2 members, was received May 3d, and that of the Grand Encampment, showing a loss of 8 members, was received May 14th, from Bro. W. M. McINTOSH, JR., Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, without any remarks.

GEORGIA.—On the 4th of June the returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received from Bro. JOHN G. DEITZ, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, with the following:

"The prospect is somewhat encouraging, as you will perceive we have a slight increase (80) in Lodge membership over last year. Since the first of the year we have instituted 4 new Lodges, and revived 1. I can only hope to make a better showing in our next annual report. We have, as you will see, only 2 Rebekah Degree Lodges at work. How long they will last is a question. We have instituted 1 Encampment since the first of the year, making 11 now at work, and have gained 26 members. We have now in this jurisdiction 2 Cantons, 1 in Savannah and 1 in Atlanta. It is my earnest prayer that the Order may yet become a numerous one in the State."

IDAHO.—The report of the Grand Lodge was received from Bro. LEON FULD, Grand Secretary, April 5th, with the following:

"During the year 4 Subordinate Lodges were instituted, and 1 Rebekah Lodge, as follows: Bingham, No. 14, Eagle Rock; Orient, No. 15, Soldier; Junction City, No. 16, Shoshone; Weiser, No. 17, Weiser City, and Deborah Degree Lodge, No. 3, D. of R., Hailey. The increase of membership during the year, in Subordinate Lodges, is 112; in Degree of Rebekah, Brothers 25, Sisters 19. We expect to institute several more Lodges during this year."



The report of Idaho Encampment, No. 1, received February 25th, shows a loss of 1 (withdrawn). Bro. M. B. GWINN, D. D. Grand Sire (and Grand Master), on the 15th of June, wrote:

"I expected to organize several new Encampments by this time, but money matters have been a little close and they have been delayed, though it will not be long, as Brothers at different places want me to organize them. I have not been able to give the Encampment branch as much time as I wanted to, but I will soon have time to push this branch of our great and growing Order. I am quite sure I shall get the seven new Lodges I wrote to you about, and will also be able to show a good gain in Subordinate Lodge membership, and the Encampments must and will follow."

ILLINOIS.—The Grand Encampment report was received April 18th, from Bro. JOHN C. SMITH, Grand Scribe, who advised as follows:

"You will note that we have reached low-water mark and are now at the young flood, having gained 7 in membership last year. I am in hopes that we will again show a healthy growth, and if we are through with changes, have no doubt that, with judicious management, we will. I shall hope to make some visitations this year, and know that there will be some work done in the Bodies visited."

The report of the Grand Lodge, showing an increase of 454 in membership, was received May 26th, from Bro. FREEMAN E. HUDDLE, Grand Secretary, without further information.

INDIANA.—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received May 13th, from Bro. B. F. FOSTER, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, who thus advised:

"A careful inspection of the reports will show our jurisdiction to be prosperous in all the branches of Odd Fellowship. In the Subordinate Lodges we have had a net gain in membership of 1,355 for the year. In our Encampments for the same period we have had a net gain of 537, while the Rebekah branch shows a gain of 1,144. For all these evidences of prosperity we are truly grateful to the Great Father of All, and trust that this is only the harbinger of a still better showing with the close of the present year."

INDIAN TERRITORY.—The reports of the 5 Lodges show a net gain of 31, and the 2 Encampments a gain of 2. Independence Degree Lodge, No. 2, Daughters of Rebekah, was instituted at McAlister, November 27th, 1886. Bro. G. C. SCHUELER, D. D. Grand Sire, on the 28th of April, advised that "on April 4th the Savanna mines exploded, and consequently the coal company is moving everything to Lehigh. As you are aware, Pocahontas Lodge, No. 2, is located at Savanna, and as the membership is composed, with few exceptions, of miners, it must succumb. Nearly all the members of the Lodge are now at Lehigh, and desire to move their hall to this place. As a matter of course, this would seriously injure Atoka, No. 5. Pocahontas has a hall of its own, which is movable, and the company have given them special rates of freight and encourage the removal. Atoka Lodge has also a hall of its own, but it cannot be moved without great expense, as it is built too solid. I heartily agree with Pocahontas about the removal, but, as the case stands, am undecided as to what to advise. Several members of both Lodges came to me to-day to consult about consolidating the two Lodges. This, in my opinion, would be the best plan, but neither Lodge wishes to sacrifice its property, such as regalia and furniture. If we can consolidate I think it will benefit both Lodges, and be for the good of the Order at large. Savanna is almost deserted, and in a few days will not have ten inhabitants. I understand there is only one Odd Fellow there who will probably remain, and he has not been in the Lodge in six months, though in good standing."

IOWA.—The Grand Lodge report was received April 7th, and the Grand Encampment report April 28th, from Bro. WILLIAM GARRETT, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, who wrote as follows:



"You will see we made a gain of 5 Lodges, but a loss of 256 in membership, which is caused principally by errors in former reports, the actual loss being but 98. The cause for that is past, and I believe we shall make a gain this year. There are about three or four Lodges that will have to surrender their Charters, but they are small and cannot sustain the Lodges in their locations. Our Order is in a splendid financial condition; invested funds, with value of real estate, \$559,234, a gain of \$37,806 during the year; receipts over expenses and relief paid amounted to \$26,329. Our death loss, number of members relieved and amount paid were about the same as in 1885. Only 151 deaths in a membership of 21,500, which is only 7 to the 1,000."

On the 26th of April, Bro. GARRETT, wrote:

"I mail you on this, the sixty-eighth anniversary of the Order in this country, the report of the Grand Encampment of Iowa. Ten Encampments have failed to make their reports, but I put them down as in 1885. We gained 2 Encampments, but have 225 members less. One Encampment surrendered during the year, reported 60 December 31st, 1885. The surrender was caused by the Patriarchal Circle, but that Encampment has reclaimed its Charter and effects this year. We think our troubles with the Patriarchal Circle Brothers are now over. If I can get in the reports from the delinquents, and it will make a material change, will make you another report. I send also report of the Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah. We lost 29 Lodges last year, but gained 341 in membership. Seven Lodges have failed to report. We made a gain of \$383.79 in assets. Since the 1st of January we have made 6 new Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, 2 have reclaimed Charters and 1 has surrendered. I hope to be able to make better reports for our jurisdiction for 1887, as the prospect, I believe, is better."

KANSAS.—The returns of the Grand Lodge, exhibiting a gain of 921, and the Grand Encampment a gain of 358, were received May 16th from Bro. SAMUEL F. BURDETT, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, with the following:

"You will notice that the membership in each branch is increasing, also the number of Lodges and Encampments. I also am glad to state that the condition of the Order in general is very good, and the chances for a continued increase are certainly quite flattering."

KENTUCKY.—Bro. WILLIAM WHITE, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, in transmitting the returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment (received April 6th), thus advised:

"By reason of the continuance of the pruning operation of last year we have sustained a loss in Subordinate Lodges of 11, reducing our present number from 179 to 168. Notwithstanding this loss of Lodges, I am gratified and pleased to say we have a net gain in membership of 41, to which add the membership of the dead or defunct Lodges named above, 172, and the gain would be 213 for this branch of the Order. A goodly increase is shown in revenue, assets, relief, benevolence and charity, and the interest and spirit of the Order, manifested in the Work throughout the jurisdiction, have not in the slightest abated. I learn that the Lodges in Paducah (Grand Representative T. J. ATKINS' home) have had 68 initiations since January last, and the reports from the various portions of the State are cheering and encouraging in regard to the increase in membership. The future is full of hope, cheer and promise. In the Encampment branch we stand, in the number of Subordinates, as in my last report (36), having instituted two new Encampments and lost two by surrender; but we have gained 112 in membership, to which add the membership of the defunct Encampments, 83, and the gain would be 195. An increase in revenue, relief, benevolence and charity is also apparent in this branch, and as in the other, there is no abatement of interest and spirit, but progress is plainly stamped upon its future. With regard to the Degree of Rebekah, I am gratified and proud to say there is a marked improvement in this branch. The number of Lodges as per last report was 21. Two new Lodges have been added, making



23, and 1 has ceased to work, or died, leaving, now, 22. Members as per last report: Brothers, 255; Sisters, 246; total, 501. Present membership, 806, showing an increase of 305, and a goodly gain in receipts and assets. The spirit and tendency for good are on the increase, and as I said in my last, the future of the Order in Kentucky, in all of its branches, is full of hope and promise."

LOUISIANA.—The reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received May 21st from Bro. JAMES FURNEAUX, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, and show an increase of 25 in Lodge and 3 in Encampment membership.

LOWER PROVINCES, BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.—The Grand Lodge report, showing an increase of 28 members, came to hand May 28th, from Bro. J. C. P. FRAZEE, Grand Secretary, with the following:

"A new Lodge was instituted in October last, after the middle of the term, and so did not report December 31st, therefore is not included in my return. Two new Lodges have been instituted in the present term, and during this year we hope to have another one or two. This looks encouraging, but I am sorry to add that two charters will probably be recalled when the Grand Lodge meets. In some localities there has been increased activity, but this has been nearly counterbalanced by inactivity and consequent decline in other directions. Upon the whole, the Order is moderately prosperous with us, and we feel assured that its intrinsic merits, as they become better known, will be more generally appreciated."

Encampments Nos. 10 and 12 report no change in number of members, while losses are shown of 38 in No. 11; 2 in No. 13; 1 in No. 14, making an aggregate loss of 41 in the 5 Encampments. Bro. ANDRE CUSHING, D. D. Grand Sire, in letter of July 1st, said:

"Three Encampments have considerable fresh life, and, on the whole, I may report an improved condition during the year, in active work."

MAINE.—The returns of the Grand Lodge were received January 24th, from Bro. JOSHUA DAVIS, Grand Secretary, who thus advised:

"I think an examination of the reports will show to you that Odd Fellowship in this jurisdiction is doing a noble work, *and takes no backward steps*. Our report shows 112 Lodges, a gain of 2; a membership of 16,041, a net gain of 821 during the year. Total amount paid for relief and charity, \$48,486.67; annual receipts, \$114,294.65; and an invested fund of \$486,006.13. I am able to give you my reports ten days earlier than ever before, and I hardly think any jurisdiction can be much ahead of Maine this year, in reporting in good season. The Rebekah Degree Lodges during the past year have been quite flourishing. I send you by this mail the new Digest of the Grand Lodge of Maine."

The report of the Grand Encampment, showing a gain of 116 members, was received May 16th, from Bro. B. C. STONE, Grand Scribe.

MANITOBA, CANADA —Bro. GEORGE C. MORTIMORE, Grand Secretary, in forwarding the report of the Grand Lodge (received February 14th), wrote as follows:

"It affords me much pleasure in sending this, my first annual report, to note the decided increase over last year. Our report shows an increase of 2 Subordinate Lodges, nearly 40 per cent. in membership, and 36 per cent. in assets. The prospects are good for a still further increase during the present year, the chief difficulty being to secure suitable rooms in which to hold Lodge meetings, there being several places where new and healthy Lodges could be instituted could this obstacle be overcome."

The report exhibits a gain of 285, making the membership 1,005, and entitling the Grand Lodge to two Representatives.

Harmony Encampment, No. 1, gained 6 members, and Eureka, No. 3, gained 10 members. There was no change in the membership of La Prairie, No. 2.



BRO. HORACE J. RAYMER, D. D. Grand Sire, in letter dated July 14th, advised of a desire of Scarlet Degree members at Brandon to institute an Encampment in that town during the session of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, on the 10th of August.

MARYLAND.—On the 16th of February the reports of the Grand Lodge, showing a loss of 329, and the Grand Encampment a loss of 12 members, were received from Bro. JOHN M. JONES, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, with the following:

"I regret exceedingly that I am not able to report to you an increase of membership. On the contrary, we have again suffered a loss, as you will perceive by the enclosed reports. Our loss for the past year is by far too much, notwithstanding every effort has been put forth by the Grand Officers to arrest this decrease in membership. We can only hope that our efforts in the future may prove more successful. Our death roll for some time past has been very heavy; the number for the past year reached 187. This, however, is not within the power of man to prevent, as the Divine will must at all times and under all circumstances be obeyed. We hope that the future may be brighter."

MASSACHUSETTS.—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received April 9th from Bro. CHARLES D. COLE, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, who wrote as follows:

"You will see that the Order in Massachusetts is still on the increase, and, from present appearances, likely to continue so. Our progress has been marvelous during the past year. Four new Lodges have been added, and the Subordinates have made a net gain in membership of 1,541. We have relieved 3,260 Brothers, and 343 have been buried. Amount paid for relief \$111,072.08, and the receipts have been \$303,586.06. The Rebekah Lodges have also been doing a great work. Five Lodges have been instituted during the year, and the membership has increased to 6,685. The Encampments are rapidly increasing in membership, having made a net gain during the year of 436 members. The prospects for the increase of our Order were never more promising."

MICHIGAN.—The report of the Grand Lodge, exhibiting an increase of 78 in membership, and the Grand Encampment a gain of 39, came to hand March 30th, from Bro. E. H. WHITNEY, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, with the following:

"As heretofore, we are making safe progress into new fields, and opening up vacant places where we have successfully and securely planted the good seeds of peace and good will to our fellow-man, soon to give back to the Order an hundred-fold harvest. The year now before us is filled with bright hopes of a large increase in membership and proportionate increase of Subordinates. We shall not be found in the rear ranks, in future reports, for want of earnest workers or devotion to the grand principles we cherish and strive to establish for the good of all men. The annual reports of the Rebekah Lodges show a very decided improvement, and we are adding new and prosperous Lodges to the list. Their records are such as are worthy of them, and of the emulation and imitation of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, and show the creditable increase of over 300 in aggregate membership and 10 new Lodges during the year."

MINNESOTA.—The report of the Grand Encampment, showing a gain of 6 members, was received May 13th, from Bro. J. FLETCHER WILLIAMS, Grand Scribe, who wrote as follows:

"Though the figures of our report do not show much increase over last year, yet we have, in fact, done well, and made good progress. The great drawback we experience is the number of those who are dropped for non-payment of dues. We can get members easily enough, but have not found the art of keeping them."

The return of the Grand Lodge was received May 16th. Bro. SHERWOOD HOUGH, Grand Secretary, thus advised:

"This is the twenty-third annual report which I have had the honor of pre-



senting to the Grand Lodge of Minnesota and the Sovereign Grand Lodge. At the time of my election, in 1860, we had 9 Subordinate Lodges and 341 contributing members. We now have 112 Lodges and over 6,500 members. Our net gain in membership the past year was 431, which I consider a fair showing as compared with many older and larger jurisdictions."

MISSISSIPPI.—On the 12th of July the report of the Grand Encampment was received from Bro. ISAAC D. BLUMENTHAL, the Grand Scribe elected in May. A loss of 31 members is noted. The report of the Grand Lodge, showing a loss of 10 members, was received July 20th, from Bro. C. C. ROSS, the Grand Secretary elected in May. The new officers are not to blame for the delay in forwarding the reports; for, as we are informed, the illness of the former Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe prevented the preparation of the returns at the proper time.

MISSOURI.—The report of the Grand Encampment, showing a gain of 53 members, was received January 24th, with the following from Bro. E. M. SLOAN, Grand Scribe:

"Our increase has been sufficient to verify the prediction with the last report, and really we have gained more in renewed zeal and strengthened purpose than in numbers. While we, with all parts of our common country, still suffer on account of business inactivity and impaired confidence, growing out of the uncertainty of legislation and inharmony of labor and capital, many signs of greater activity and prosperity in this State, in both branches of the Order, encourage us. Years of experience have clearly demonstrated that decline begins with the Encampment, and revival begins with the Subordinate branch of the Order. The two are dependent in many respects, at least in the West. We have had many things to contend with, some of which you have heretofore been made acquainted with, but the efforts put forth to establish Cantons of the Patriarchs Militant are now bearing fruit. Since the session of the Grand Encampment we have organized 5 Cantons, and this will aid materially to attract the young men to our Lodges. Success obtained after failure is within the reach of those only who persevere, and we will not rest until we enjoy the fruits of our labor in all these branches of the Order."

On the 28th of May, the report of the Grand Lodge, exhibiting a gain of 152 members, was received from Bro. E. M. SLOAN, Grand Secretary, who thus advised:

"Last year we were compelled to report large losses in membership, but this return shows a small gain. The difference between *such a loss* and even a *small gain*, is so great that we are much encouraged, and look forward with pleasure, anticipating better things for our Order in the future than for several years in the past. At all events, the present Grand Officers intend to use all reasonable efforts to press forward the work *here*, and try to keep pace with sister jurisdictions, and meet the demands upon them by a confiding membership. When to these motives are added the grander ones of desire to aid, as far as possible, in building up and increasing the efficiency of our Order, which has already done so much for the race that all classes recognize it as a necessity, and also being instrumental in making Odd Fellowship *indispensable*, in conjunction with others, in works of beneficence among the sorrow-stricken and needy of the human family, surely we will have enough to quicken our zeal and encourage our labor, for whatever of future time God is pleased to allot us to accomplish what we can."

MONTANA.—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received April 11th, from Bro. A. J. WHITE, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe. The Lodge membership was increased 238, and the Encampment 30. Bro. WHITE wrote:

"We make a very good showing in the Subordinate branch of the Order, and have not had a death in our own membership during the year."

NEBRASKA.—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, received May 21st, show an increase of 450 in Lodge, and 26 in Encampment



membership. Bro. D. A. CLINE, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, submitted the following :

"We feel that we have not only held our own but made an average progress with other years, with a fair promise of success during the year 1887. The Order in our State is gradually growing in wealth, as the figures will show, but when we come to inquire about that excellent virtue, 'Fraternity,' we find it is not so easy to take stock; but we trust there is a great deal of it, and that it is continually on the increase. The prosperity is mainly with the Subordinate Lodges. The Encampments and Rebekah Degree Lodges are not increasing rapidly or exhibiting any large amount of interest. New organizations of each are asked for occasionally, where parties are confident and willing to try the experiment. Upon the whole, we are encouraged to labor on, without any serious misgiving about the future."

NEVADA.—On the 1st of April the Grand Lodge and the Grand Encampment reports came to hand, from Bro. B. F. WALLACE, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, with the following remarks :

"The loss in Lodge membership for the year is 50, while in the preceding year it was 101. This looks as though the rapid decline was checked, and with the revival of our principal industry, that of mining, I think I can safely predict that we will at least hold our own during the present year. The Encampment branch, for the first time in many years, shows a small loss (5) in membership, but I hope the next report will exhibit a gain, as arrangements are nearly complete for instituting a Canton in Virginia City and one in Reno. This, I think, will result in awakening a new interest in this branch of our Order, and induce many of our young members to seek admission into the Encampments. I hope that the next reports from this jurisdiction will be more favorable."

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received June 6th, from Bro. JOSEPH KIDDER, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, who advised as follows :

"New Hampshire Odd Fellowship still keeps itself to the front. There are satisfactory gains in every department, with no lack of interest among the Brethren. Our growth is slow but sure. Every year finds us with an increased membership, and harmonious action in Subordinate and Grand Bodies. Every year we are adding to our moral strength and standing. For verification of our statements, look carefully at the reports that come from our little jurisdiction. It will be seen that our gain in the Rebekah Degree department is of the most satisfactory character, and the prospect for the present year is even more promising. With us, the Rebekah Degree Lodges are means of progress in the other branches; but we are strong in all our departments, with a brilliant prospect for the future."

The gain in Lodge membership was 288; in Encampment membership, 117.

NEW JERSEY.—On the 18th of May the returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment came to hand from Bro. LEWIS PARKER, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, with the following :

"We have every reason to rejoice at the measure of prosperity we have enjoyed during the past year. In every department of Lodge work we have done our full share. We have grown in membership and in finances, and our charities have kept pace with our receipts. The reports show that, during the year, we gained 6 Lodges, 1,028 members; 2 Encampments, 121 members."

NEW MEXICO.—The aggregate gain in 5 Lodges (1, 3, 4, 7, 8) was 69; loss in 2 (2, 5) was 8. No change in No. 6; net gain, 61. In 2 Encampments (2, 4), gain, 37; loss in 2 (1, 3), 6; net gain, 31. Albuquerque Encampment, No. 4, was instituted at Albuquerque, October 15th, 1886; Naomi Degree Lodge, No. 1, Daughters of Rebekah, at Las Vegas, February 24th, 1887; The Porcha Lodge, No. 9, at Kingston, May 19th, 1887. On the 20th of June, Bro. A. C. SLOAN, D. D. Grand Sire, wrote :

"Odd Fellowship is fairly progressing in New Mexico. Some of our Lodges



have taken the spirit of the western boom, and are adding many good members to the Order, while some are at a standstill and not doing much. We need a Grand Lodge, and if we had one, I have no doubt greater interest would be taken. We need an insurance department, and I hope the Sovereign Grand Lodge will take steps to organize a life insurance department in addition to its work. If they do, I think Odd Fellowship will spring into new life. I hope they will see the importance of this new step. The prospect is very good for organizing a new Lodge soon."

August 12th, 1887, a petition was received for Fidelity Lodge, No. 10, at Gallup, and the Warrant and books were immediately forwarded to A. C. SLOAN, D. D. Grand Sire.

NEW YORK.—The report of the Grand Encampment, showing a gain of 161, was received March 15th, and the Grand Lodge report, exhibiting a gain of 1,785 members, came to hand May 13th. Bro. JAMES TERWILLIGER, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, on the 11th of May wrote:

"We have fulfilled the promise I made to you last year, and you can just put us down as going to make such a showing for 1887 as will gladden the hearts of all good Odd Fellows. Our Lodges are working splendidly, both in Ritualistic Work and in fulfilling the great command—caring for the sick, and doing those other good works true Odd Fellowship so delights in."

NORTH CAROLINA.—On the 17th of May the report of the Grand Lodge was received from Bro. B. H. WOODELL, Grand Secretary, with the following:

"I regret to show a slight falling off (39) in membership, but it will be the case until we get entirely rid of sickly Lodges. Had the seven Lodges we dropped the past year been dropped sooner, we should have shown a gain, and my report to our Grand Lodge will convince any one that we are on better ground now than last year. Especially is this so financially. We exhibit large gains in receipts and disbursements, and make a better show of assets, by far, than one year ago. Our newly elected Grand Master has promised to put in some good work during the coming year, and I believe my next report will show the fruit of his labor. So be it."

The Grand Encampment report, showing a gain of 13 members, was received May 31st, from Bro. T. W. BLAKE, Grand Scribe.

OHIO.—The Grand Encampment report, exhibiting an increase of 95 members, was received April 30th, from Bro. JAMES ANDERTON, Grand Scribe, who thus advised:

"I am happy to say we show an increase in our membership, and believe this year we will do much better."

The report of the Grand Lodge, showing a gain of 722 members, was received May 7th, from Bro. WILLIAM CHIDSEY, Grand Secretary, without remarks.

ONTARIO.—On the 27th of April the report of the Grand Encampment was received from Bro. M. D. DAWSON, Grand Scribe, with the following:

"Our increase has been steady, and in some localities the Encampments are more prosperous and maintain a better attendance than the Subordinate Lodges. In comparison with other jurisdictions we stand well. The multiplicity of societies with new features affects us as it does them, and the length of the Degree Work, I think, is an objectionable feature. We have added five new tents to our list during the year, all in good localities, and are now much stronger than many of the old ones. Harmony and good feeling are maintained everywhere. We gained 158 in membership."

The Grand Lodge report was received May 9th, from Bro. J. B. KING, Grand Secretary, who advised as follows:

"We have had, for the most part, a prosperous year. Our gain, though small, is satisfactory, for we cannot expect to increase as rapidly now as in some former years, when there were fewer competing organizations. We will be satisfied with a steady growth. During this year we have had a series of Lodges of instruction held in different parts of the Province by the Grand Secretary (myself), authorized by the Grand Lodge at its last session. These



meetings have created general interest, and at each place all the surrounding Lodges have been represented. The Unwritten Work is thus becoming more generally understood, and, as a consequence, it is more uniform. Team Work is also being taken up by many Lodges, and much good is being done in that way. All the beauty there is in our grand Ritual is being gradually developed; the officers become interested in the Work and the members turn out to see what Team Work means. They become interested and a larger average attendance at Lodge is attained. Our losses from non-payment of dues are great, and if there can be any plan adopted to minimize these losses we would soon be what we should be, the largest and most influential benevolent society in the country. Our net increase in membership in 1886 was 350, in 1885 only 176."

OREGON.—Bro. J. M. BACON, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, in transmitting the returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment (received April 18th), wrote as follows:

"You will find that the Subordinates are in a good, healthy condition. I am pleased to say that a new life has exhibited itself in the Rebekah branch of our Order, for since January 1st several new Lodges have been instituted. You will observe there is a healthy increase in membership in Subordinate Encampments, although no addition to the number of Encampments. Increase in Lodge membership, 118; in Encampment membership, 89."

PENNSYLVANIA.—On the 24th of May the reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received from Bro. JAMES B. NICHOLSON, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe. In the absence of special information the following extracts are taken from the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe to the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania:

"Total amount paid for relief, \$406,959.57; working expenses of the Lodges, \$224,144.59; total for relief and working expenses, \$631,104.16. Amount of receipts of the working Lodges, \$759,601.50; assets of the working Lodges, \$3,032,830.44; increase in the amount of assets since last report, \$197,383.28. The cost of relief to each member was \$4.99½ per annum, or 9 cents and 6 mills per week. The cost of working expenses to each member was \$2.75<sup>1</sup>/<sub>10</sub> per annum, or 5 cents and 3 mills per week. The total cost of relief and working expenses combined to each member for the past year was \$7.74<sup>6</sup>/<sub>10</sub>, or 14 cents and 9 mills per week. The relief amounted to \$1,114.96 per day, or \$46.46 per hour. During the past fourteen years the Order in Pennsylvania has disbursed for the prevention of, and for the relief of distress, \$5,395,119.03. The average ratio of sickness, for which benefits were paid, throughout the jurisdiction, if distributed *pro rata* to each member, would be one week, eight hours and fifty-four seconds per member, a slight falling off from the preceding year, caused by the accession of young members. Quite a number of the old Lodges reach within a fraction of three weeks' sickness for each member per annum; and one instituted in 1851, and located in a healthy and rich agricultural region, reports an average sickness of three weeks, five days and eleven hours for each member during the past year. Are such facts and such lessons to pass entirely unheeded? Upon the proper and equitable relation between dues and benefits it is difficult to say anything new. The Journals of the Grand Lodge for years past contain the accumulated facts in the annual experience of the Lodges in relation to the average sickness of the members, that stand out as a beacon light, amid the mists of ignorance, the rocks of selfishness, and the waves of deceit, pointing to the haven of safety and of honor. A man of the most ordinary intelligence, who gives the subject even a casual thought, and glances a moment at the tables of experience compiled in the Journals of the Order, must recognize the fact that the relief of sickness and the burial of the dead have an actual cost, and to meet the expense, the income must correspond. And as the cost increases annually, so must the contributions, unless a reserve fund has accumulated in the youth of the Lodge, upon which interest is derived and added to the contribution. This Order stands up for fairness, honesty and permanence, and dares to tell the truth; but alas! so



great is human credulity that the most magnificent promises appeal most strongly to those who should be most upon their guard against deception. A Boston financier promised 96 per cent. per annum as interest to depositors, and found scores of willing dupes. When the bubble burst, and, after a short imprisonment, the financier renewed the same promises, other depositors again rushed forward with their money, which is being expended in Canada. This is but a type of the magnificent promises that are scattered with a lavish hand on every side, and with which Odd Fellowship has no affiliation. It says plainly you must pay your weekly dues and funeral assessments in proportion to the benefits promised, or there will be bankruptcy and bitter disappointment."

The following is from the report to the Grand Encampment:

"Total amount paid for relief, \$60,329.49; increased amount of relief, \$2,623.97; amount of the receipts of the Encampments for 1886, \$100,434.85; increase in annual receipts, \$5,302.30; amount paid for working expenses, \$23,881.61; total paid for relief and working expenses, \$84,211.10; total assets reported by the Encampments, \$314,663.95; increase of assets during the past year, \$9,309.74; the actual cost of relief to each member was \$4 76, or  $9\frac{2}{10}$  cents per week; the actual cost of working expenses to each member was \$1.88, or  $3\frac{6}{10}$  cents per week; the actual cost of relief and working expenses combined, to each member was \$6 64 $\frac{5}{10}$ , or  $12\frac{8}{10}$  cents per week; the general average of sickness in 1886, was 114.84. The increase in the membership has lowered the average of the sickness as in years past. The sickness, if distributed *pro rata* among the members, would amount to one week, one day, fifty-five minutes and thirteen seconds for each member, being a decrease of three hours, twelve minutes and fifty-two seconds per member from the report made last year. The highest average sickness in any Encampment was four weeks, four days and ten hours per member for the past year. The Patriarchs Militant, as an auxiliary of the Patriarchal branch of the Order, has received the attention of the Grand Patriarch as the display element of the Order, and so long as there is a desire for public processions and public displays, as a means of addressing the public eye, and there is a taste in the community for such displays, it is well to keep pace with the general sentiment, and to present the Patriarchal branch of the Order in the most attractive form possible to the young men of our country, in order that they may be induced to seek admission and learn and practice its high behests. Acting in this light, the mustering in of new Cantons has engaged considerable attention. It will be seen from the facts presented that the Encampment branch of the Order has been keeping on in the steady tenor of its way, steadily, even if slowly, advancing in the way of usefulness."

The reports show gains of 656 in Lodge, and 324 in Encampment membership.

QUEBEC, CANADA.—The report of the Grand Lodge, exhibiting a gain of 34 members, was received February 9th, from Bro. EDWARD J. FISH, Grand Secretary, who thus advised:

"You will notice that we are still increasing in membership, small as the number is. I am happy to state that, in the past month, we instituted another Lodge which promises to become a strong and flourishing Body. I am also pleased to state that the utmost harmony and good will prevail among our Brethren. I would take this opportunity of informing you that, owing to my business having a greater demand upon my time than in the past, I am compelled to send in my resignation of the office I have had the honor of filling for some years past. Immediately after the Grand Lodge session you will be advised of the new officers."

Montreal Encampment, No. 1, is under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Ontario.

RHODE ISLAND —The report of the Grand Lodge was received February 3d, and the Grand Encampment, April 30th, from Bro. MARCUS W. MORTON, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe. On the 1st of February, Bro. MORTON wrote:



"It gives me pleasure, in presenting these reports, to call your attention to the increase (247) of membership in this jurisdiction, in the Subordinate Lodges, and to assure you that here Odd Fellowship has an abiding place, and the Brotherhood are striving to faithfully practice the sublime principles taught in this Order. As will be seen, the amount expended for relief exceeds that of the previous year; a forcible reminder of the constant increase of our obligations which each year brings to us more clearly, admonishing us that our system of finance should be most carefully adjusted, and so clearly defined that no disastrous results overtake us in our endeavors to faithfully discharge every obligation to our membership. Our annual session was a very harmonious one, and we enter upon the duties of the new year with bright anticipations of a successful season under the guidance of Him who is able to supply all our needs."

On the 29th of April, Bro. MORTON transmitted the following:

"It gives me pleasure and a good deal of satisfaction, in presenting the annual returns of the Grand Encampment of this jurisdiction, to call your attention to the amount of work performed by the Encampments during the past year. But once in the annals of this Grand Body has it been surpassed, and then only by the fact of the institution of several Encampments, and possibly aided by the uniform adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. The present increase in membership (236), however, had no such incentives; but is the result more of individual action, combined with energy and a desire to place the Patriarchal branch of the Order on a more secure and substantial footing, by the retiring Past Grand Patriarch, ably assisted by the members of the Subordinate Bodies. Again, the number dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues is less than three per cent. of our membership, and it is with pride that I speak of this, as it is a matter which should claim our most careful attention, believing that many members could be saved to our Order by a careful and efficient Financial Scribe in each Encampment. The condition of our finances is very encouraging, and, taking all in all, we feel that we have, during the past year, done honor to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and brought no discredit on this jurisdiction."

**SOUTH CAROLINA.**—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received May 21st from Bro. ROBERT C. STARR, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe. Gains of 30 in Lodge and 3 in Encampment membership are shown. Concerning the Representative tax due from the Grand Encampment, Bro. STARR, on the 6th of May, sent the following letter:

"Our Grand Lodge meets in Langley on the 11th, and on Tuesday night preceding, the Grand Encampment should meet, and I, with others, will endeavor to see what can be done. The Representative tax that is due the Sovereign Grand Lodge from this jurisdiction, I am sorry to say, I see no way of its being paid. Our celebration on the 26th of April went off very happily. In the morning the Order here came out in a body in the procession to the unveiling of the Calhoun monument. In the evening the Order and friends met at our hall and heard some very fine addresses, interspersed with excellent music. On the whole, it passed off well. We had just re-occupied our hall that evening, as we had just finished repairing it at a cost of \$3,000, which falls heavily on two Lodges, Nos. 1 and 2."

**TENNESSEE.**—On the 20th of May the returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, the former showing an increase of 73 and the latter of 65 in membership, were received from Bro. JOHN R. HARWELL, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, with the following:

"While the reports do not make as good a showing as I desire, I am glad to be able to say that we are bravely holding our own. The increase in the membership of the Encampments is especially gratifying, and we have lost nothing in Lodge membership. The obstacles to rapid growth are formidable, if not absolutely insurmountable, but we are encouraged with the hope that ere long the tide will turn, and fortune will again smile upon us."



TEXAS.—On the 8th of March the report of the Grand Lodge, exhibiting a loss of 108 members, was received from Bro. T. L. WREN, Grand Secretary, and on the 15th of April the report of the Grand Encampment, showing a gain of 80 members, was received from Bro. L. F. DE LESDERNIER, Grand Scribe.

UTAH.—The Grand Lodge report, showing a gain of 5 members, was received May 4th, from Bro. LOUIS HYAMS, Grand Secretary.

Oquirrh Encampment, No. 1, and Unity, No. 2, are under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of California. On the 11th of June, 1887, Wasatch Encampment, No. 3, was instituted at Park City, with 24 charter members. A petition for a Grand Encampment has been received and will be presented to the Grand Lodge.

VERMONT.—On the 12th of March the report of the Grand Lodge, showing a gain of 93 members, was received from Bro. O. H. HENDERSON, Grand Secretary, with the following:

"The forty-first annual session of this Grand Body was held at Bradford, February 2d. The attendance was good, and although, perhaps, not so much actual business was transacted as at some previous sessions, a good degree of interest was manifested, and if any one point was uppermost in the minds of the Representatives, it was a desire to elect to office men who have the interests and welfare of the Order at heart, and are active, zealous Odd Fellows. The Order is increasing numerically and gaining strength, in every sense of the word, within our borders. Although we may not have as large a membership, according to the population of the State, as many of the jurisdictions, for the true principles of our Order you can depend upon the 'Green Mountain Boys.'"

The report of the Grand Encampment, showing a gain of 27 members, was received March 23th from Bro. JOSEPH K. EGERTON, Grand Scribe.

VIRGINIA.—The returns of the Grand Lodge came to hand March 21st from Bro. T. WILEY DAVIS, Grand Secretary, who thus advised:

"While the increase (76) shown in our returns falls below our expectations in some particulars, yet we rejoice to report even a small gain in membership. The past year has been one of earnest toil by the Brotherhood, ably assisted by the head of the Order, whose untiring zeal has told for good in the general result. As will be seen from the report, more than fifty per cent. of Lodge receipts was expended for purposes of relief, while it must not be supposed from the very small amount expended for educational purposes that the injunction to 'educate the orphan' has been forgotten, as our very efficient system of public schools leaves but little for our Order to do in that line."

The Grand Encampment report was received May 27th from Bro. A. T. BURR, Grand Scribe, with the following:

"I regret to be obliged to report so large a loss (103), but many of the Encampments have been carried from year to year, when in fact there was no life in them. I feel confident our next report will show a healthy growth in this jurisdiction."

WASHINGTON.—On the 26th of April the reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received from Bro. LE F. A. SHAW, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, with the following:

"Herewith find annual reports of this Grand Lodge, showing the condition of the Subordinate and Rebekah Degree Lodges in the jurisdiction December 31st, 1886. The increase in Lodge membership was 199. Since January 1st, we have instituted 2 new Subordinate and 5 new Rebekah Lodges, making a total of 46 Subordinate and 12 Rebekah Lodges at this date. The Order is in a healthy state, numerically and financially, and *we have only just begun*. I also send the annual report of the Grand Encampment, which also shows a marked increase, viz, 84 members."

WEST VIRGINIA.—The report of the Grand Lodge was received February 24th, from Bro. ELLIS A. BILLINGSLEA, Grand Secretary, with the following remarks:

"I very much regret that my report again shows a falling off in membership



(just 100), but we are not discouraged. Our finances are in a healthy condition and we look forward to an increase in numbers in the near future."

The Grand Encampment report was received April 7th, from Bro. H. A. UTHMAN, Grand Scribe, who wrote as follows:

"You will see that we have lost 1 Encampment and 23 members. From all quarters comes the cry of dull times and no employment, but we still hope on and trust that the dark clouds will roll away and a brighter day will dawn again."

WISCONSIN.—Bro. L. B. HILLS, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, with the returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment (received April 20th), advised as follows:

"The large decrease in membership (611 in Lodges and 92 in Encampments) is simply lopping off useless members, while the Lodges are financially stronger than ever. We have very few Lodges but what are in excellent condition, and but very few Encampments that are. The apparent discrepancies in the funds of Rebekah Lodges come from the fact that some report their whole property as assets and others only the cash in hand."

WYOMING.—The returns of the Grand Lodge, showing a gain of 9, and the Grand Encampment, a gain of 16, were received May 16th. Bro. W. H. AMESBURY, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, accompanied the reports with the following:

"Although our increase in the respective branches of the Order has not been as large as we would desire to have it, still it is a good, healthy growth, and 'mutual relief' has not been forgotten, as will be seen. Nearly three thousand dollars have been expended for the relief of the distressed and burying the dead, in this small jurisdiction. May the good work go on, and the reports show a decided increase year after year."

#### FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS.

AUSTRALASIA.—The correspondence with this distant jurisdiction consists of six letters. Bro. WILLIAM REID, Grand Secretary of New Zealand, wrote September 4th, 1886, inclosing £2 10s. (realized \$12.17) for the Ridgely Monument Fund, asking for additional copies of the lithograph of monument, and saying: "I think the Australasian jurisdiction will now amicably accept the views of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and accept the proposals of the Committee on Foreign Relations. Matters looked very bad one time, and I had serious fears that a rupture would take place. It is very lucky that such has not resulted, as our Order has many disadvantages to contend with here, and it is only by keeping a united front that we can hope to contend against and overcome them. I am sorry to say that we have no Odd Fellows' Homes in our Order here. All of our Lodges have a Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and most of them have a Benevolent Fund. I am now endeavoring to get the sympathies of the Australasian jurisdiction aroused with respect to a *sanitarium or invalids' home* for New Zealand, our fine, agreeable and healthy climate being admirably suited for such a home. My scheme is looked upon by my compeers here as being rather a wild one, but I feel confident that we can, with the assistance of our Australian Brethren, carry it out successfully."

Bro. E. A. COLLIS, for Grand Secretary JUDGE, on the 7th of September, 1886, inclosed a check on London, £24 2s. 8d. (realized \$115.78), in settlement of account of Grand Lodge of Australasia, and wrote: "I regret to say that Grand Secretary JUDGE has been dangerously ill, nigh unto death, but he is now slowly recovering, though not out of danger. I trust, with the help of God, that he will soon be about again. He was anxious that the money should be remitted to you as soon as possible, and I trust you will receive it safely."

On the 4th of November, 1886, Bro. REID, of New Zealand, inclosed a circular of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary relating to the proposed "sanitarium" (the document is too lengthy to insert), saying: "Knowing there was



an institution of that kind in Florida, I have written to the Grand Secretary of that State asking him for information. I would be glad, if you have any printed documents referring to the working, etc., of such institutions in America, if you would kindly send them to me. \* \* \* No doubt the mild, equable climate of most parts of New Zealand makes it admirably suited for a sanitarium for the warmer latitudes of Australia."

Unsuccessful efforts were made to obtain the desired information from Florida and other places.

December 27th, 1886, (received January 29th, 1887,) Bro. JOSEPH BROOKE wrote: "It is with feelings of deep regret that I acquaint you of the death of our Grand Secretary and Past Grand Master, Bro. W. C. JUDGE, which occurred on the 15th of the present month. Loved and respected by all, in his death our beloved Order has lost one of the brightest stars we ever had, and one it will be hard to replace, but we trust our Brother has only passed to a higher and brighter Lodge above. I beg to inform you that Grand Sire GANE has appointed me Grand Secretary."

On the 10th of March, 1887, Bro. BROOKE ordered some books and Cards, and said: "I am happy to inform you that the Order is prospering in Australasia, notwithstanding the great depression in business. The Grand Lodge of Australasia holds the next meeting in May next, at Sydney, after which I hope to be able to send you a glowing report."

Bro. A. LEANE, Grand Secretary of South Australia, in letter of January 24th, 1887, (received March 8th), remitted exchange on London £5 11s. (\$26.97), (for Ridgely Monument Fund \$24.95, books \$2.02), and remarked: "I am anxiously looking forward to the session of the Grand Lodge of Australasia, when I hope legislation will be of such a character as to place our Order on a more secure basis as respects unity. I inclose a circular which our Grand Lodge has caused to be forwarded to all the Colonial jurisdictions. We think it is quite in accordance with the expressed wishes of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1885. \* \* \* We have not made much progress, numerically, of late, consequent, I think, from the lack of work and general depression, and have had a great deal of sickness."

In the absence of other information, the importance of the subjects, and because only one copy of the document was received, the following copious extracts from the able report of WILLIAM GANE, Grand Sire, to the Third Triennial Session of the Grand Lodge of Australasia, held at Sydney, May 17th and 18th, 1887, are presented:

"Our progress has been fairly good, in the face, in some instances, of considerable difficulty, but the prospects for the future, I think, are decidedly encouraging.

"South Australia has been suffering from a commercial depression, which has seriously affected the working classes, from whom the great bulk of our members are derived. I am in hopes that the worst has passed, and that with an improvement in business the Order will make more rapid strides. This Province has had many other serious difficulties to contend with—the disappearance of a Treasurer, some years ago, with a considerable sum of money; the suspension of a bank in which the Grand Lodge funds were deposited, etc.; but the members have struggled manfully, and they may now be congratulated on being in a tolerably sound position.

"New South Wales is making wonderfully rapid strides, due, I have no doubt, to the very great energy thrown into the work by the Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Officers during the past three or four years. They have opened 26 new Lodges, and increased their membership by 2,336 since 1883, a credit to all concerned.

"Victoria has not progressed as much as might have been anticipated, having only increased by 2 Lodges and 450 members, but financially, she has very much improved. This is, I think, due to the watchful care exercised over its monetary affairs by their late Grand Secretary, Bro. JUDGE, who saw the value

of the calculations, and strictly enforced, as far as he was able, the recommendations of the Victoria Friendly Societies' Actuary, more especially in regard to the investment of surplus funds.

"New Zealand has strengthened her position by 6 new Lodges and 492 members. More might have been expected from so grand a country.

"Tasmania has not instituted a new Lodge for the last three years, and only increased her membership by 61. This stagnation is much to be deplored. I think if my successor in office could find time to pay them a visit it might have a beneficial effect. I much regret that I was unable to do so.

"Queensland is at present in an embryo state; but I am in hopes that some of our energetic members, in searching for 'fresh fields and pastures new,' will endeavor to sow the good seed in that almost virgin soil."

The present position of each Province is shown as follows. (Pounds, shillings and pence converted into dollars and cents):

JURISDICTION.	Number of Lodges.	Number of Members.	Funds of Grand Lodges.	Funds of Subordinate Lodges.
New South Wales.....	59	5,055	\$29,036 50	\$50,127 64
Victoria and Queensland.....	57	5,981	112,509 16	151,651 94
South Australia.....	33	2,676	21,802 65	40,767 27
New Zealand.....	25	1,378	21,135 87	39,999 65
Tasmania .....	7	633	4,859 96	8,070 89
Total at end of 1886.....	181	15,723	\$189,344 14	\$290,617 39
" " " " 1883.....	139	11,785	86,815 10	181,159 77
" " " " 1880.....	105	7,920	45,910 77	96,702 62
Increase for last 3 years .....	42	3,938	\$102,529 04	\$109,457 62

The subjoined table shows the increment since last report:

JURISDICTION.	Members admitted.	Suspended, deceased, etc.	Sick allowances to members.	Funeral allowances.	Unfinancial December 31st, 1886.
New South Wales.....	4,696	2,360	\$41,562 81	\$9,150 00	666
Victoria and Queensland.....	3,167	2,717	68,288 32	21,321 25	689
South Australia.....	2,087	1,488	41,562 32	5,666 81	378
New Zealand.....	714	422	5,940 43	2,750 00	200
Tasmania .....	409	260	6,905 39	850 00	135
Total at end of 1886.....	11,073	7,247	\$164,259 27	\$39,738 06	2,068
" " " " 1883.....	8,410	4,441	76,948 32	23,200 00	1,231
Increase for last 3 years.....	2,663	2,806	\$87,310 95	\$16,538 06	837



The Grand Sire suggests a change in the form of annual reports, and submits a plan similar to the blanks used by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, saying "this would enable anyone to see at a glance the progress made." He also says, "I most heartily congratulate the Representatives on the extraordinary increase in our funds, \$211,986.66, during the past three years," and submitted the following:

JURISDICTION.	Grand Lodges.	Subordinate Lodges.	Total Increase.
New South Wales.....	\$21,404 77	\$29,842 97	\$51,247 74
Victoria and Queensland.....	59,698 16	44,693 66	104,391 82
South Australia.....	13,435 23	17,716 26	31,151 49
New Zealand.....	5,057 65	16,098 77	21,156 42
Tasmania .....	2,933 23	1,105 96	4,039 19
Totals .....	\$102,529 04	\$109,457 62	\$211,986 66

INITIATION FEES.

"In accord with my own opinion, there are very many old and far-seeing members of our Order who believe that the initiation fee should be almost nominal—in fact, if young and healthy, you might almost admit without fee, if they are creditable members of society. It is the weekly contributions, and not the initiation fee, that is the strength of a Lodge. Victoria has made a start in this direction, having reduced the rate to—16 to 20, 2s. 6d.; 20 to 25, 5s; 25 to 28, 7s. 6d. (About 62½ cents, \$1.25, \$1.87½.) After this age, the liability increases considerably, and the fee also. I strongly recommend this to the consideration of the various Provinces, believing it will have the effect of increasing our numbers considerably."

THE LATE GRAND SECRETARY.

"Grim death has been busy amongst us during my term of office, and one of the most prominent who have fallen a victim to his merciless scythe is our late Grand Secretary, WILLIAM JUDGE, who surrendered the work of this life on the 15th of December last, at the early age of forty-three. From a close intimacy with him in the business connected with the I. O. O. F. for the last twelve years, and knowing how he loved the work in which he was engaged, I feel that we have lost one of the brightest ornaments that has ever graced the annals of the Order in these Colonies. To his zeal may be attributed the solid progress we have made, more especially in the Province of Victoria, during the past ten years. I have no doubt that the long hours he gave to the duties of his office, and the energy he threw into his work, hastened his death. The letters of sympathy that have been sent by the leaders of kindred Societies, show that the appreciation of his sterling qualities was not local, and that he possessed in every quarter all that made life hopeful and pleasant—'honor, love, obedience, troops of friends.'

"On the death of Bro. JUDGE, I appointed Past Grand JOSEPH BROOKE, the Grand Messenger, to be Grand Secretary *pro tem.*, obtaining a guarantee policy on his behalf for £25, as previously. In future, I would recommend that this guarantee policy be increased to £100."

## ENCAMPMENTS.

"No returns have been received from this branch, which has never taken deep root amongst us, neither do I think it ever will. There were several Subordinates under the Grand Encampment of Victoria, but none of them are now working. On being thereto requested, I granted Warrants to form Grand Encampments in New South Wales and South Australia. The former was instituted by Deputy Grand Sire Bro. GREENE, and the latter by Grand Marshal Bro. HARBOUR, but of their present condition I have no information. As there have been no reports made, or dues paid, there can be no representation."

## CREATING PAST GRANDS.

"In the report of the proceedings of the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of Victoria in 1885, it is stated that a Brother presented himself as a Representative from Queensland, who was not a Past Grand, and therefore not entitled to a seat. It was recommended by the Committee on Credentials, and afterwards affirmed on motion, 'that a Dispensation be granted creating the Brother a Past Grand forthwith.' That this was knowingly wrong doing was evidenced by a rider being attached to the motion, 'that it should not be taken as a precedent.' I consider the action decidedly illegal."

## MEMBERSHIP IN MORE THAN ONE LODGE.

"In the position of Grand Master of Victoria, some years ago, I gave a ruling that a Brother could not hold membership in more than one Lodge of our Order, and in this I was fortified by Article XII. of the By-Laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, which says, 'no person shall at the same time hold membership in more than one Grand and Subordinate Lodge.' At the last session of the Grand Lodge of Victoria it was resolved 'that being a benefit member of one Lodge in this Order was no bar to any Brother becoming an honorary member in any other Lodge or Lodges.' The principle having been affirmed thus, it might be largely availed of as a motive power for voting purposes, and lead to complications. I am of opinion that this is at variance with the established customs of the Order."

## FRIENDLY SOCIETIES IN CONNECTION WITH WOMEN.

"This is a subject which has attracted considerable attention of late, and if we believe in the teaching of our Ritual, that we are banded together for the purpose of extending 'relief and kindly offices to one another in the day of trial,' it should claim our most serious consideration. Years ago, when the query was propounded, 'What shall we do with our boys?' a well-known Australian politician facetiously replied, 'Marry them to the girls.' The subject at that time was not pressing, but it now becomes, in these pushing times, a matter of serious import. Girls in these Colonies mature much earlier than in colder climes, and, at the age when the father's Friendly Society doctor ceases to attend them, they are generally endeavoring, either in the dressmaking or drapery shop, the factory, or in some other service, to earn their own living. Their salaries are usually very moderate, and they are seldom enabled to save much, so that when the hour of trial comes, they are often left helpless, the few shillings they may have saved being soon expended in medical fees and medicine. If they are residing with parents, sickness becomes more unbearable from the knowledge that they are a burden upon them; if alone in the world, they are dependent upon public charity. Cannot we, therefore, in connection with our organization, initiate some scheme which, by small weekly payments, will enable them to help themselves? As we have already a degree in our Order to which females are admitted—the Degree of Rebekah—might not the Sisters of Rebekah become a most important means of enlarging the sphere of our usefulness in this direction, and save many a poor and helpless Sister from



possible ruin? There is no doubt that to successfully carry out a scheme of this sort would involve a large amount of labor, but I am confident we have enough earnest workers in our midst to carry it to a successful issue if they once took the matter in hand. The first thing to be considered would be—1. Whether it should be medical attendance and medicine only; or, 2. Whether it should be medical attendance and medicine, with sick pay (say ten shillings a week). I am of opinion we should try the first as an experiment, and, if successful, advance to the second proposal. There should be a very small entrance fee, about the amount paid to the surgeon per quarter, to be kept in suspense, in case the weekly or fortnightly payment was not continued, to cover the cost of the quarter they were on the surgeon's list; that the members should not meet as a Lodge, but bring up their pence-books on some given day to make their payments, like as in a building society, but that they might meet on some afternoon (say once in three months) to ventilate any grievance under which they may presumably suffer, etc.; that it be a portion of the business and under the control of each Subordinate Lodge, and that the members have the option of being on the Lodge surgeon's list to which they belong, or of selecting that of any other, on the same condition as that enjoyed by the male members of our Order. Of course, this is merely matter of detail. I earnestly recommend the whole question to the wisdom of the Representatives."

#### THE THIRD DEGREE QUESTION.

"This matter, handed down to me by my predecessor, has been the difficult problem of my term of office, and by far the most important that has engrossed attention since the institution of the Grand Lodge of Australasia. That the decree of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, 'that all Lodge business should be transacted in the Third Degree,' was not in harmony with the opinions of the Representatives to the last triennial session, is shown by the remarks made on that occasion. The expressions of opinion of the several Provinces led me to believe that I was expected, as head of the Order, to procure a reversal of the edict of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and I entered upon the controversy with a firm determination to effect it, if possible, in which I was ably seconded by our late Grand Secretary. After appealing to the Sovereign Grand Lodge to allow us to work as we had hitherto done, and being again refused, I called a special meeting of Australasia, to consider the situation (I did this at once, as sixty days' notice had to be given), but first asked the Grand Masters of the several Provinces to obtain the opinion of their Subordinates on the subject. Instead of putting the question in a simple way, 'Are you in favor of conducting ordinary Lodge business in the Third Degree?' South Australia issued a circular, pointing out that, by not at once obeying the mandate of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, we should be insubordinate, and the absurd idea that the member would lose the right to the name of I. O. O. F. in Australia. That Province also asserted that the Executive of Australasia was determined upon throwing up the Charter and severing their connection with America. New South Wales seemed to be of the same opinion, for the then Grand Secretary of New South Wales, Bro. McGUIRE, in a letter to the Grand Secretary of South Australia, stated that we were 'red hot for it.' I was directly accused in a letter, *presumably* written by Grand Master F. LEANE, of South Australia, with banding myself with the Grand Lodge of Victoria, with the intent to bring about separation. But the fact is, as a resident in Victoria, I purposely kept myself aloof from that Body, so that I might not be so accused. The statement was an unworthy one. I have always felt proud of our affiliation with our Brethren in America, and was one of those who advocated it at the first meeting called for that purpose, in Geelong (Victoria). Feeling that there was no unison among the various Bodies on the main question, I canceled the special meeting of Australasia, and resolved to fight the battle alone. Considering the enforcement of the amended Ritual would strike a blow at our prosperity, I spoke with no uncertain sound, feeling assured that, if insisted on, Australasia



would be dismembered, for it was certain that one, if not two, of the Provinces would secede, and that view was openly expressed by many of the leading members of the Order with whom I came in contact. In this country, where there are four or five other old-established institutions of a similar character to our own, and with a weekly subscription one-fifth less for similar benefits, each vieing with the other in the endeavor to increase their membership, we should have been fatally handicapped had it been insisted on that only members who had received the Third Degree could participate in the ordinary business of the Lodge. The Degrees here are only necessary to those who aspire to office, not more than one-half ever taking more than the Initiatory, and if those last mentioned could not come into the Lodge-room when they so desired, they would cease membership and join some other Order. In the United States there is a considerable amount of sentiment in Odd Fellowship; in these Colonies it resolves itself into a co-operative body to secure, at a moderate cost, monetary assistance in the hour of sickness and death. This is the great factor in all similar institutions here; and if we are to hold our own, sentiment must be subordinate to it. The injunction 'To visit the sick, relieve the distressed, to bury the dead, and educate the orphan,' is, I believe, as much practiced here as in any other place in the world, and am sure we endeavor, as far as we can, by the aid of our Ritual, 'to improve and elevate the character of man.' In the session of 1885, the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Sovereign Grand Lodge stated they could not now grant the request of Australasia without the written request of the Subordinate Provincial Grand Lodges. I was requested by my colleague, Grand Treasurer WILLIAMS, to obtain their several consents thereto. To this I replied as follows:

"OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE,

"Melbourne, 1st May, 1886.

"H. J. Williams, Esq, Grand Treasurer:

"DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—Yours of the 19th ultimo duly received on the 27th, but, having been much engaged with the military encampment held here during Easter, have not found time until now to answer it. I must say I am rather surprised—in view of the opinions you have previously expressed—at your suggestion *that Australasia should prepare a petition* for signature by the Executives of Subordinate Grand Lodges, praying the Sovereign Grand Lodge to grant what has been twice ungraciously refused to the head of the Order in these Colonies. Such action would be simply to meet with another rebuff, and I certainly am not inclined to submit to it, for there can be no doubt it would not be assented to by all the Grand Bodies, certainly not by Victoria, whose members have as much right to their opinion as the others. I have taken up a position on this question which I believe to be an honest and manly one, and, though I am accused in your 'Australasian Oddfellow' of not having used 'discretion or a conciliatory tone in my correspondence,' I feel that I have only expressed in firm language my strong objection to a course of procedure which would be inimical to the welfare of the Order in this country. That it would be so is tacitly admitted by all our Subordinate Grand Bodies, but some of them are willing to submit to it, although the doing so would be playing into the hands of kindred institutions. The Supreme Body having given us the sovereign powers of government, by what force of reasoning can they go behind Australasia and insist upon the consent of one of its Subordinates being necessary before granting what they have already conceded to Germany? If it is a matter of such little importance that it can be obtained at the request of a single Representative from the German Empire, why is it refused to the earnest entreaties of the Grand Sire of Australasia? I can only say that I have closed the correspondence on this question with the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and throw the onus on them of taking the next step. Should, however, the Grand Lodges of this jurisdiction (*of their own motion*) petition me to again bring the matter before that Body, I will do so, but not otherwise. Of course,



I expect to be well bespattered with invectives when we meet in session, but I am not frightened at that. I knew that the enactment to work in the Third Degree would be detrimental to our progress, placing us at a disadvantage with other Friendly Societies, and I should be utterly unworthy of my position had I not strongly protested against it. That protest, coming from the Supreme Head here, who must certainly know the condition of the surroundings best, was not entertained, on the quibble that South Australia must be considered, thus making their opinion superior to Australasia. In the position I have taken up I may not be in accord with all my colleagues in the Executive of Australasia, but from that position I will not move. If, however, the majority consider that I am the stumbling-block in any way, I will place my resignation in their hands, if so desired.

"With fraternal greetings, I remain

"Yours faithfully,

WM. GANE, *Grand Sire.*"

"I now take the following extracts from the Report of the Proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge held in September of last year:

"Under the heading of 'Foreign Countries' appears an able letter from Grand Secretary JUDGE"

[Here Grand Sire GANE inserts the letter, pp. 10,259-10,261, the preamble and resolution submitted by Bro. SROKES, Past Grand Sire, (first) p. 10,425, and the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations, pp. 10,501, 10,502, Journal of Sovereign Grand Lodge, 1886]

"It will be observed that the above committee again remark 'that the Grand Lodge of Australasia should become a *legally incorporated body*,' proving their ignorance of the laws that govern this country. In America there are State laws (local government), and United States Congress laws (national). The Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge is registered by Congress, and therefore has a uniform bearing in all the States. Things are different here. Each Colony (similar to a 'State' in America) has its own laws, but we have no Congress, with national laws bearing on all, nor shall we have until the much-desired Federal Council becomes an established fact. That question comes within the range of politics, and beyond our control. In concluding this matter I can say I have been actuated by one principle, viz, the good of the whole. I have made mistakes, no doubt—how many of the Brethren present can say they do not err at times?—but leave it to the Representatives to absolve me from the reproach of wilful wrong-doing."

On the 13th of August, the "Friendly Societies' Journal," Dunedin, New Zealand, July 15th, 1887, containing the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Australasia, May 17th and 18th, was received, and we find that the following resolutions were adopted by that Body:

"*Resolved*, That this R. W. Grand Lodge receive with feelings of pleasure and satisfaction the resolution carried at the last meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, intimating their pleasure that the Grand Lodge of Australasia may authorize the transaction of business in the Initiatory Degree, and that the R. W. Grand Lodge resolve that it is desirable, in the interests of Odd Fellowship in Australasia, that the business of Subordinate Lodges continue to be conducted in the Initiatory Degree.

"*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Lodge of Australasia adopt the petition of South Australia (passed at its annual session, held 17th August, 1886, and by New Zealand at the biennial session of 17th May, 1887), and take the necessary steps to obtain the written proper consent of the several Grand Jurisdictions to the authority and supremacy in Odd Fellowship in Australasia of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Australasia, and that the consent so obtained be forwarded to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, with a petition that a Charter, similar to that enjoyed by Germany, be granted to the Grand Lodge of Australasia."

The following is the petition referred to:

*"To the Grand Sire of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Australasia, and the Officers and Representatives of the I. O. O. F., in Triennial session assembled:*

"GRAND SIRE AND BRETHREN—Your petitioners, viewing with profound regret the unhappy circumstances at present surrounding the Ritual question, and being earnestly desirous that the matter shall be at once brought to a satisfactory conclusion, respectfully and urgently petition your R. W. Grand Body to obtain at once from the several Subordinate Grand Lodges under your jurisdiction the written proper consent of the said Subordinate Grand Lodge to the authority and supremacy of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Australasia in all matters touching the Work of the I. O. O. F. in Australasia (excepting only such matters as are controlled by the governments of the several Colonies and Provinces in which the said Subordinate Grand Lodges are situate), in accordance with the requirements of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., as expressed in the resolution of that Sovereign Body in session 1885, upon the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations, and recorded in the Journal of Proceedings of that year, on page 10,059; and further, that copies of the consent so obtained be forwarded by the Grand Lodge of Australasia to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., with the request that the concessions promised to the Grand Lodge of Australasia in the same report and resolution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., be granted to Australasia.

"And your petitioners, being anxiously desirous to maintain the unity of our beloved Order throughout the globe, hereby affirm that they are ready to sign the said written proper consent, and thus acknowledge the authority and supremacy in Australasia of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Australasia, I. O. O. F., and, if need be, pledge themselves to accept and obey all the proper mandates of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Australasia.

"On behalf of the Grand Lodge of ———, I. O. O. F.,

"....., *Grand Master.*

"....., *Grand Secretary.*"

It appears, in the proceedings, that the opinion of the Grand Sire "that no person should be permitted to hold membership in more than one Grand or Subordinate Lodge," elicited considerable discussion, and "the opinion of the Grand Sire was disagreed with." The election of officers resulted in the choice of Bro. WILLIAM D. MCKEE, Bridge street, Ballarat, Victoria, for Grand Sire; Bro. H. J. WILLIAMS, Dunedin, New Zealand, Deputy Grand Sire; Bro. JOHN C. SMITH, Muir street, Hawthorn, Victoria, Grand Secretary; Bro. SAMUEL HARBOUR, Lily street, Goodwood Park, South Australia, Grand Treasurer. The next session will be held at Adelaide, South Australia, on the third Tuesday in May, 1890.

The following letter was a long time reaching this office, as it did not arrive until August 16th:

GRAND LODGE OF AUSTRALASIA, I. O. O. F.,  
OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY.

Melbourne, Victoria, June 14th, 1887.

THEO. A. ROSS, ESQ.,

*Grand Secretary, Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., Baltimore, U. S.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—It is my pleasing duty to inform you that the Grand Lodge of Australasia held its third triennial session in Sydney, last month, at which the five Subordinate Grand Lodges in this jurisdiction were ably represented. As I have not yet received from the printer our Journal of Proceedings, I am unable to send you a copy, but will forward one by next mail.

In reference to the Third Degree question, a resolution was unanimously passed at our late session, thanking the Sovereign Lodge for the concession promised, which will enable us to continue working in the Initiatory Degree, as hitherto, and pending the establishment of a Federal Government in Australasia, under whose laws our Grand Body could be registered, it was



decided to request all our Subordinate Grand Lodges to sign a declaration acknowledging the Grand Lodge of Australasia as supreme in these Colonies. When this has been done, the Grand Lodge of Australasia will apply to your Sovereign Lodge for the necessary amendment to our Charter, as indicated in last report adopted by your Sovereign Body on this question.

During our sojourn in Sydney, the utmost unanimity and true brotherly feeling prevailed amongst the Representatives, every one seemingly imbued with the determination to legislate carefully, and in such a manner as to not only maintain the splendid position our Order now holds, but that it may even surpass its past records of progress in Australasia; a wish fervently expressed by all was, that we may ever maintain the present friendly union and companionship with our Brethren in America.

I have received from Bro. J. BROOKE, our late acting Secretary, your letter advising him of the dispatch of a parcel of goods for us, which I hope will shortly arrive, as I can see we are getting short of a few things.

In conclusion, I trust that our official connection may be a pleasant one, and that my election to the office of Grand Secretary in Australasia will be the means of establishing a firm and lasting friendship between us.

Believe me to be very fraternally yours,

J. C. SMITH, *Grand Secretary.*

By the mail which brought the above a letter was received from Bro. A. LEANE, Grand Secretary of South Australia, dated Adelaide, July 11th, in which he said: "I hope and believe that matters are on a better footing than in the past. Australasia is more united now than it ever was, and the unity of the Order, therefore, more assured."

CHILE.—Three letters have been received from Bro. ROBERT MOSER, D. D. Grand Sire. In letter of December 4th, 1886, he wrote: "Pacific Lodge received the sentence of the Sovereign Grand Lodge with great joy, as their grievances had almost come to be unbearable. I inclose a letter from Pacific Lodge to ISAAC H. MARKS, Past Grand Master. An effort is being made to revive the Santiago Lodge, otherwise the Order is not progressing here." February 5th, 1887, (received April 4th,) he advised: "The trouble between the Grand Lodge of Chile and Pacific Lodge has been settled according to the orders of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and all charges preferred by either party have been mutually dropped, so that peace once more reigns. The attendance at meetings is small, and for some time past our city has been afflicted with the cholera. Andes Lodge, No. 6, has not had a meeting for more than a month, and the two Lodges at Coquimbo are about dead." His letter of March 26th (received May 7th), refers to the cholera as still existing, and states: "The Lodges in Valparaiso have collected a fund for special assistance of Brethren and their families who might be attacked with the disease, but as yet all have escaped."

THOMAS J. GONZALES, Grand Secretary, in letter of November 5th, 1886, expressed the hope that the Pacific Lodge difficulty would be speedily adjusted, saying: "In consequence of these exasperating divisions the Order is going from bad to worse, and if things get no better, in a few years they will be compelled to close their doors altogether." On the 25th of March, 1887, he advised: "Last night the Grand Lodge elected officers. I had the honor of being advanced to Grand Master, notwithstanding I long hesitated before accepting the burden, and was only induced to take the office in consideration of the harmony and good feeling universally prevailing among the Representatives. All is settled with Pacific Lodge, and every person seems satisfied. There is a revival of good feeling, and we trust that with prudence and hard work the Order will enter on a new and successful career. Your last letter was delayed by the detention of the mails at Callao, on account of the cholera." On the 6th of May he wrote: "The cholera has about disappeared, and fortunately without having attacked any of our Brethren. Our Lodges are now all at peace, and I hope that in the future we shall march on successfully."



I am disposed to do all in my power to further the good cause, and am endeavoring to revive Coquimbo and Fe y Caridad (Faith and Charity), and hope to soon see them at work. We are discussing the feasibility of starting a Lodge in Santiago, another in Coronel, and a third in Valdivia. I sincerely hope I may place all of them in good working order before the close of my term as Grand Master."

Bro. F. S. LEIGHTON, Past Grand Master, now Grand Secretary, on the 25th of March, 1887, transmitted the names of the newly elected officers of the Grand Lodge of Chile.

The returns for the year 1886 exhibited a loss of 2 Lodges and 33 members; the strength of the Order being 5 Lodges, 263 members.

CUBA.—The correspondence with this jurisdiction is voluminous, 7 letters having been received from Bro. EMILIO MOLA, P. D. D. Grand Sire, 32 from Bro. JOSE ANTONIO LOPEZ, D. D. Grand Sire, and 18 from other parties. The letters from Bro. FABIAN MARTIN relate to the publication of the Digest in the Spanish language. Bro. LOPEZ, who is evidently an earnest Odd Fellow and a very efficient officer, has kept the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary fully informed concerning the Order in Cuba. There is much interesting reading in his communications, and a few extracts from his letters are here presented. On the 19th of February he inclosed a communication from Cuba Lodge, No. 3, requesting the Grand Sire to issue a special commission to Bro. RAFAEL MONTORO, authorizing him to introduce the Order into Spain. Bro. LOPEZ said: "Bro. MONTORO is one of the prominent lawyers of this country, is a distinguished philosopher, a renowned writer, and is a member of the Spanish Parliament, on whom the Island of Cuba conferred the honor of Representative. This reason, in my opinion, is sufficient to obtain the commission, but there exist some others (which also, it is hoped, will induce the Grand Sire to grant Bro. MONTORO the authority), such as the opportunity to introduce the Order into a country where there are many anxious to understand it, under the auspices of one of such intelligence and social standing as Bro. RAFAEL MONTORO." Some of the letters refer to the conferring of the Encampment degrees on a member of a Lodge in Havana, by an Encampment in another jurisdiction, without proper authority, and others to the proceedings looking to the organization of a Grand Lodge in Cuba, which the D. D. Grand Sire disapproved, believing it inexpedient to institute a Grand Lodge at this time. On the 30th of April, concerning the institution of Hijos del Trabajo Lodge, No. 7, he wrote: "I might in vain look for the necessary words to give you an idea of the magnificence of the solemn act of the installation. More than 400 persons were assembled to witness the ceremony, and I dare to say that our people never before manifested so much interest for the advancement of our virtues. The celebration of the sixty-eighth anniversary of the Order was held on the same night. Several of the newspapers reported the exercises, speaking favorably of the Order, etc. I am fully assured that our noble impulses will in a short time be compensated with more than we now expect. Every Lodge under my charge celebrated the anniversary, and the most intense interest was manifested by their members on the occasion." The proposition of Bro. FABIAN MARTIN for translating and printing the Digest in Spanish was communicated in letter of Bro. LOPEZ, March 14th, as follows: "I will translate and print the Digest in the Spanish language and pay all expenses on condition: 1. The Grand Secretary will transmit me the authority he has to translate and print. 2. No Brother will in future be authorized to translate and to print the book in the Spanish language without my consent. 3. The Grand Sire will officially report to the Brotherhood that I am exclusively the proprietor of the work. 4. The Grand Sire will prohibit the use of any other Spanish translation that may appear. 5. The Grand Sire will, on behalf of the Order, renounce the total amount of money that may result in selling the book, leaving it to my own benefit." Relative to establishing additional Lodges, on the 15th of June the D. D. Grand Sire wrote: "Generally, the Order is in good condition in this jurisdiction. Everything is working harmoniously among



the Brethren, more so than ever before. Lodges are gaining in membership slowly but surely; though I ought to remark that No. 6 has but slight prospect for progressing. Two Lodges in such a small village as Regla can hardly be maintained, and I would not have recommended the petitions to open them. This is the main cause of the unfavorable condition of Masonry in this country. They have many Lodges but nothing else. After such experience shall we be wise to adopt the same course with the Order of Odd Fellows? For my part I will not approve it. We need to increase the membership in the Lodges now existing, but do not need new Lodges. This, in my judgment, is the way to secure the existence of the Order, or we will deplore our own degeneration." In letter of July 13th he mentions that visitors to some of the Lodges take exceptions to the work, and to be sure that they are correct he requests that steps be taken to authorize any competent member of the Order visiting Havana to give the D. D. Grand Sire proper instructions. His last letter, at this writing, dated July 30th, received August 4th, states: "Notwithstanding the depression of business, I am glad to say that the Lodges under my charge are in a healthier condition. Odd Fellowship in this jurisdiction never was more prosperous, and I feel that our next return will show greater gains than ever heretofore. Never was there so much enthusiasm manifested as now, in carrying out the principles of the Order in Cuba. Nos. 4 and 7 especially, are increasing in membership and funds."

The record of the Order in Cuba, showing a gain during the year 1886 of 1 Lodge and 186 members, is certainly a good exhibit, and no doubt the D. D. Grand Sire deserves credit for much of the success. The membership December 31st, 1886, was 313, and at this time probably exceeds 400.

Certificates were issued authorizing the following Brothers to receive the Past Official and Grand Lodge Degrees: February 25th, 1887, FRANCISCO JESUS DEL JUNCO Y PUJADAS, Porvenir Lodge, No. 1; February 7th, 1887, CANDIDO GRAVE DE PERALTA, Fraternidad Universal Lodge, No. 2; February 14th, 1887, JOAQUIN LANCIS, Cuba Lodge, No. 3; March 14th, 1887, FRANCISCO CHENARD Y DEBLIN, Havana Lodge, No. 4; May 5th, 1887, ANDRES AMADOR, America Lodge, No. 5; February 7th, 1887, JOSEPH NARGANES, Regla Lodge, No. 6.

DENMARK.—Bro. J. HANSEN, D. D. Grand Sire, transmitted letters dated October 23d and 27th, 1886, February 15th and June 18th, 1887. In the first he mentioned receipt of the Daily Journal of Session of 1886, saying: "I have not seen permission for me to obtain the Secret Work of the Encampment." His request for instruction in this matter appears on page 10,300, Journal of 1886. He also inquired concerning Uniformed Degree Camps and Patriarchs Militant, advising that the Uniformed Degree Camp in Copenhagen refused to admit him to membership, etc.

The letter was replied to with all the information that could be given. On the subject of the Digest he was informed: "You can proceed with the Danish translation of the Digest. Having no knowledge of the language, I shall be content with your assurance that the translation is correct, though I may require certificates from the Grand Master and others to that effect." The letter of October 27th acknowledges receipt of Pass Words, etc. On the 15th of February, Bro. HANSEN requested a Supplemental Digest "to help my work with the translation in Danish, with which I am now very busy. How is the Order in America? Here the initiations are very few, as business in all branches has not been so bad for a long time as it is now." The Supplemental Digest was promptly forwarded. On the 18th of June he stated that he had been ill for some time, and was therefore unable to reply to the letters sent to him, and hopes to be excused on account of his sickness. The reports and dues of the Subordinate Encampments were transmitted with the letter, and he promised to write soon. A letter from Bro. A. V. GORSCH, editor of the "Odd Fellow Bladet," dated December 12th, 1886, making some inquiries, was received January 3d, 1887.

The returns of the Grand Lodge show a gain of 1 Lodge and 23 members,



while the 4 Encampments sustained a loss of 74 members, the total membership reported December 31st, 1886, being 401.

FRANCE—The Order was established in this country by the institution of Concorde Lodge, No. 1, at Havre, on the 2d day of March, 1887, with five charter members, by Bro. L. BOURDONNAY, P. G. of Concorde Lodge, No. 43, New York City. On the 31st of May, Bro. BOURDONNAY wrote from New York: "Please inform the Grand Sire that I arrived home on the 12th. When I left Havre the new Lodge, Concorde, No. 1, had 70 members, all of the Third Degree, and well informed. They also had 20 propositions for membership, but they initiate only 5 candidates a week. As soon as they have 100 members an application will be made for Lodge No. 2. I have organized a team of 7 members, well learned, to start Lodge No. 2. They are working hard and good. At an initiation the officers deliver their charges without books; they work like old veterans in the Order. I received a letter from Bro. HEBERT, V. G., dated May 12th, in which he said they had initiated 9 since I left Havre, and everything works well. I translated the By-Laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and the Ritual of the Rebekah Degree into French, and conferred the Rebekah Degree on the Brothers, and afterwards on the Sisters. They are all well pleased with the work. I will say the Order is booming in France. They are receiving propositions from candidates in Elbaeuf to start Lodge No. 3, and from Rouen for Lodge No. 4." On the 8th of August Bro. BOURDONNAY wrote: "With regard to Concorde Lodge, No. 1, Havre, Bro. L. V. LEFEBVRE is the only Past Grand. I received a letter from Havre, dated July 14th, in which it was stated the Lodge numbers 94 members, and they had 12 propositions for membership. As you see, they are working with constancy. When I left them they said they would number 100 by September, and they will keep their word." A letter from the Noble Grand and Secretary, dated Havre, April 29th, expresses the thanks of the Lodge for the services of Bro. BOURDONNAY for his valuable assistance, and closes: "You can therefore count, in all confidence, on our devotion and determination to execute faithfully the requirements of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and we greatly rely upon your support to aid us in helping the prosperity of the work in France. Receive, moreover, dear Brother, our warmest thanks, and be our interpreter to inform all our Brethren beyond the sea that there are in France, in the city of Havre, hearts ready and open to receive them in Friendship, Love and Truth."

GERMANY.—No letters have been received from the Grand Sire or Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire during the year. A letter conveying the Pass Words was sent October 13th, 1886, to Grand Sire LESSER, and on the 17th of January and 5th of August, 1887, letters were addressed to Grand Secretary MEYENDORF, but no replies have been received. We are without statistics of the Order in Germany; but as the biennial session was held at Kiel in August, we hope to receive some information in time for the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Two letters were received from Bro. F. S. OSTHEIM (Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States from the Grand Lodge of Oregon in 1870). On the 8th of October he said: "In Germany, Odd Fellowship progresses slowly, but on a firm and solid basis. There is no hope, it is true, that it will advance as rapidly as in the United States, but there is every reason to believe that before long our institution will be extended to many places where, until now, great difficulties interfered with its introduction." February 1st, a letter came from Holty Lodge, No. 11, Hannover, in relation to FERDINAND SCHUBELER having a Visiting Card (First Degree) from said Lodge, who, it was supposed, had fled to the United States, requesting "that the attention of all American Lodges be called to him, and his Traveling Card be taken away if he should venture to seek admission into any Lodge in America." The original letter was sent to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York, requesting that the information be communicated to the German Lodges in New York city.



Since the above was written (August 10th), the following letter was received from Grand Secretary MEYENDORF:

I O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY,  
GRAND LODGE OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE,  
Berlin, July 20th, 1887.

THEO. A. ROSS,

*Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—While preparing for the session of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, to be held at Kiel, August 8th, 1887, I find it incumbent to proceed to the transaction of such business between us as remains unfinished, and to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter of the 17th of January, as well as the copies of the Revised Journal of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, mentioned therein. The box further contained a few leaflets for appendixes or supplements to the Charge Book. It appears to me that the Grand Lodge of the German Empire should be informed of all changes and modifications in the Ritual, although those books, after compiling a Ritual expressly for Germany, are more or less superfluous and of no consequence. Therefore, I would request you to send me at least one copy for the archives of our Grand Lodge, after the Ritual has been properly changed and modified; that is, whenever the translation into German has been completed. The kind attention which the Sovereign Grand Lodge gave to the Ritual promulgated for Germany, has given general satisfaction here. Your wish to see the Grand Lodge of the German Empire represented this year at the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, can hardly be fulfilled, as I have, up to this date, no knowledge of the intention of an able and representative Brother to undertake the journey across the water. As far as I am personally concerned, nothing would give me more pleasure than to visit my American Brothers. I shall always cherish the hope of being permitted to see you all some day, although as a government official, it will be difficult to get a furlough for a long period. It is also very doubtful if Bro. LESSER can visit you this year. I beg leave to inform you that Bro. LESSER has, just before the expiration of his term of office, resigned his position as Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, on account of ill health and business cares. Accordingly, and in compliance with our laws, the duties and responsibilities of the office devolved upon the Deputy, our worthy Brother, DR. F. ASCHERSON, Berlin, S. W., No. 20 Nostiz street. New elections will be held at the session this year. Bro. BECKMAN, now Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of Wurtemberg, unites with me in expressing our thanks for your exertions in trying to find the whereabouts of his brother, although your researches were not successful. It has given me great pleasure indeed to hear of the bountiful and timely aid given by the Brotherhood to the Lodges and members who suffered by the ravages of the earthquakes. Our noble Order has on this occasion shown again its great importance and high standing. As for the results of my collection in Germany for the preservation of the monument erected to the memory of the late Grand Secretary, Brother RIDGELY, I have the honor to inform you that at the expiration of the present term the sum total amounted to *Marks* 168.85, or in dollars 39.65. This amount will follow per draft on Kummer & Becker, Baltimore. A list of the subscribers will appear in my annual report to the Grand Lodge, which will also be equivalent to a receipt. May the monument be a silent but grand testimony to remote ages, and tell coming generations how Odd Fellows honor a man who, during his entire life, lived a shining example of honor, truth and conscience; lived up to the principles of our beloved Order devotedly and unflinchingly, doing his manifold duties until removed by a higher hand; a noble example, indeed, for every good and true Odd Fellow.

And now, dear Brother, I bid you farewell for the present term. As our elections take place in August, it may please the Grand Lodge to select



another as a suitable Secretary. I leave it to the Body to elect any person they please; but I would not decline a re-election, and would labor to the best of my ability for the interests of our Order, although it often requires sacrifices on my part, in conjunction with my position as a government official, to discharge the duties of Grand Secretary promptly and faithfully. To you, dear Brother, my heartfelt thanks are due for your friendly and kind words during our pleasant correspondence. May it always be so between all other officers. For the labors of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge of the German Empire, I ask the favor of the Most High.

With hearty and fraternal greetings, I remain in F., L. and T.,

Yours very truly,

F. MEYENDORF, *Grand Secretary.*

MEXICO.—The aggregate membership of the two Lodges in this jurisdiction December 31st, 1886, was 91, a net gain of 25 during the year. No. 1 had 72 and No. 2 had 19 members. Bro. W. J. DE GRESS, D. D. Grand Sire, has forwarded 14 letters, giving information of the condition of the Subordinates under his charge; requesting Dismissal Certificates from sundry Lodges, to enable non-affiliated Odd Fellows residing in Mexico to connect themselves with the Order in that city, etc. Dismissal Certificates have been obtained from Lodges in Peru, California, Louisiana and other jurisdictions. In letter of January 4th, 1887, accompanying reports and dues of No. 1, Bro. DE GRESS wrote: "I beg to call your attention to the officers just installed, showing that our organization is taking a good hold on the best material in the Republic." The officers of Ridgely Lodge, No. 1, installed January 3d, 1887, were: H. C. WATERS, manager of the London Bank, N. G.; A. P. CROWE, Secretary of the English Legation, V. G.; E. C. BUTLER, United States Legation, Secretary; H. SCHERER, banker, Treasurer. On the 5th of January, Bro. DE GRESS transmitted correspondence with the Odd Fellows' Benevolent Society, Chicago, Ill., concerning a claim of Juarez Lodge on account of the death of Bro. R. BLANCO, which occurred May 2d, 1886, and the assessment for which was paid September 1st, 1886. Unsuccessful efforts were made to obtain a settlement with the Society. On the 13th of January, with the report of No. 2, the Deputy said: "The prospect for an increase in the membership of this Lodge is much better now than it was a year ago. The Noble Grand, Bro. ARRIAGA AGUSTIN, is a member of Congress; the Vice Grand, Bro. MANUEL PALACIO, is Inspector of Police; the Secretary, Bro. AMENDARIZ PEDRO, is a railroad agent." A severe illness required Bro. DE GRESS to return to St. Louis on the 9th of March, and on the 7th of June he wrote: "I have somewhat recovered from my severe sickness, and returned to Mexico April 26th. Am still very weak, and have to be very careful of the sun and diet. The failure of the Odd Fellows' Society, Chicago, has created quite an excitement among the members and done the Order great harm. The American members, who are accustomed to hearing of secretaries and treasurers taking trips to Canada, have all re-insured in the Covenant Mutual, of Galesburg, Illinois; the English members not yet, and they blame me for the failure. I insist that, as these insurance companies obtain their charters from the different States, and *not* from the Sovereign Grand Lodge, no discussion ought to take place in open Lodge relating to their actions, as they are no part or parcel of the Order, notwithstanding that they require a candidate for insurance to be a member of a Lodge of Odd Fellows; and as the Order does not require its members to join these insurance companies, but such action is voluntary on their part, they assume all risks." July 22d, a letter was received from Bro. F. ANDONAYUI, P. G., of Santa Barbara Lodge, No. 156, California, dated Ensenada, Lower California, Mexico, July 14th, stating: "For the benefit of a good number of Odd Fellows residing in this place and vicinity, I would thank you to please inform me as to the best means through which we could obtain a Charter. This town consists of some 1,500 inhabitants, the greater number of whom are Americans, and I have no



doubt that, as the place increases, we could make quite a respectable showing for Odd Fellowship." All the information needed was promptly transmitted. D. D. Grand Sire DE GRESS was communicated with on the subject, and replied: "Referring to the proposition to open a Lodge at Ensenada, I believe it to be a good move, as Ensenada is a new town, built by LUIS HULLER, who has a concession from the Mexican government. The town is built near the bay of Todis Santes, and a railroad will connect the town with San Diego. The town is only about six months old. LUIS HULLER is an enterprising German, who has several concessions from the government, both on the Pacific and Atlantic sides. Bro. T. MASAC, late a member of Ridgely Lodge, No. 1, has a Withdrawal Card and lives near San Diego; he is Mexican General Inspector in Lower California, and could be of great assistance to the Brethren, as he holds an important government position. Bro. MASAC is an American citizen, and held some important positions in this city. Any assistance I can render the Brethren, I will gladly do at any time."

NETHERLANDS.—Bro. J. HEN, D. D. Grand Sire, has furnished three letters. In the first, November 23d, 1886, he said: "I cannot give you much news, as our progress is slow, though the promise is much better than before, which encourages us in working." On the 10th of February, accompanying the annual reports of the Lodges, he wrote: "The condition of affairs in Europe is not encouraging, and business in Amsterdam is very bad; but we are all working to the best of our ability for our beloved Order, and hope for success." The third letter, May 17th, refers to the contributions received for Paradise Lodge, No. 1, expressing thanks for the generous aid. He also said: "To-day I was at Dusseldorf, Germany, on the occasion of the institution of Hohenzollern Lodge, No. 2. About 60 were present, and great satisfaction at the institution was manifested." Paradise Lodge, No. 1, having applied to the Grand Sire for permission to apply for aid to support their widows and orphans, and the Grand Masters of New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts and New Hampshire having kindly authorized the circulation of petitions in their respective jurisdictions for the purpose, on the solicitation of the Brethren of Paradise Lodge, I consented to take charge of the business of receiving the contributions and remitting the money to Amsterdam. The entire amount received to this date is \$772.13, which, after deducting the cost of paper, printing, envelopes and postage, \$37.70, was forwarded to Amsterdam in five installments: \$151.50, \$150.50, \$200.50, \$175, \$56.93—total, \$734.43. The receipt of the money was duly acknowledged.

The reports show that December 31st, 1886, Paradise Lodge, No. 1, had 38 members, a gain of 5 for the year; Mount Sinai, No. 2, had 64 members, a gain of 5.

August 16th, Bro. HEN advised: "It is pleasant to advise you of the progress of the Order here. The membership does not increase much, but the intellectual advancement is greater, and we have much hope from the organization of a committee to extend the Order in this country. I wish to know if the Digest has been translated in the Dutch language. Will we be permitted to print it, and, if so, on what conditions? Paradise Lodge returns thanks for the generosity of the Brethren in America, and to you for your services in enabling them to increase their widows' and orphans' fund. Mount Sinai, No. 2, is advancing. The anniversary of the Order was celebrated in a proper manner. In April, the King of the Netherlands, William III., was seventy years of age, and there was a great feast on the occasion. In the name of the Order in the Netherlands, I sent an address to the King, and it was answered by him, with thanks to the Odd Fellows in the Netherlands."

PERU.—The reports show that December 31st, 1886, Lima Lodge, No. 1, had 60 members, a loss of 1; Fortschritt, No. 3, had 20 members, a loss of 8; Chalaco, No. 4, had 58 members, a gain of 17; aggregate membership, 138; net gain, 8. Atahualpa Encampment, No. 1, had 43 members, a gain of 1. Bro. F. L. CROSBY, D. D. Grand Sire, has been regular in his correspondence.



having favored us with 9 letters during the year. In letter of September 4th, 1886, (received October 1st), he said: "I note that the Sovereign Grand Lodge meets in Boston, the capital of my native State, and much would I like to attend the session. Peace and harmony reign among the Brethren, and in our small way we are endeavoring to carry out the principles of our Order. No 4 is now the best attended and most prosperous Lodge; No. 1 follows, and No. 3 next, which latter has not yet recovered from the bad effects of a want of harmony that existed at one time. This is now happily over through the non-attendance of the Brothers who caused the trouble. This Lodge has not yet resolved to work in the Spanish language, for which I am sorry, as I feel sure that the change would improve the condition of the Lodge immediately." October 30th, he wrote: "I am happy to report continued prosperity in this jurisdiction, but without any increase of membership. The Encampment is now working regularly once a month." The letter inclosed an application from Bro. CHARLES WARD, former member of Callao Lodge, No. 2, for a card, which was issued November 20th, 1886. On the 1st of January he inclosed a Dismissal Certificate, issued by Chalaco Lodge, No. 4, to CHARLES ACKLAND, City of Mexico. With the reports and dues of Subordinates, on the 25th of January, Bro. CROSBY said: "Our new hall will be ready in about fifteen days. Order and harmony reign in this jurisdiction, but there is not much movement in the Lodges, on account of continued bad times." April 2d, he wrote: "The Subordinates are working regularly, but, except No. 4, are not increasing in membership. Nos. 1 and 3, and the Encampment, will be forced to suspend many Brothers this year who are now over two years in arrears for dues. Our new hall was dedicated on the 31st of March. I presided on the occasion and was assisted by many members of Nos. 1 and 3. Lima Lodge, No. 1, paid all the expenses of the hall. It is a beauty, and we are proud of it." The last letter of Bro. CROSBY, dated July 8th (received August 5th), states: "Nos. 1 and 4 have held elections, and the new officers were duly installed. At my own request, I was not again elected Treasurer or to any other position, as I have never been out of office from the *first day* I joined the Order, and I now think I will have a rest for ~~one~~ term. No. 3 have not held their election, and I fear will not. They have very few members, and no one to try to sustain the Lodge, so I fear they will soon have to return the Charter. If they had accepted my idea of working in Spanish, they could have saved the Lodge, but, as they are all Germans, a mistaken pride of nationality would not let them make the change. The Encampment meets once a month, and elects officers annually."

SANDWICH ISLANDS—The report of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, shows a membership of 105, a gain of 1. The receipts amounted to \$1,322.40, and the expenditure for relief was \$1,628.25. Harmony Lodge, No. 3, had 67, a loss of 4 members. Receipts \$1,110.45; paid for relief, \$121. The aggregate membership of the two Lodges is 172, net loss 3. Polynesia Encampment, No. 1, reported 42 members, a loss of 2. Bro. W. E. FOSTER, D. D. Grand Sire, has been prompt in his correspondence, having forwarded 10 letters during the year. On the 8th of September, 1886, he advised: "Lodge matters are going along quiet and smoothly. Owing to the very warm weather lately, the Lodges have not had their usual attendance." In letter of November 20th, 1886, Bro. FOSTER remitted "one hundred dollars, a donation from Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, for the relief of the suffering Odd Fellows and their families in Charleston, South Carolina." He also wrote: "The Lodges are in good financial condition, and keep picking up a few good members. Excelsior will initiate three next Tuesday evening, when two additional applications will be presented. I am sorry to say that the Encampment has done very little this year, on account of the very dull times and the scarcity of money, caused by the very low price of sugar, the staple article of this country." In letter of January 10th, accompanying the reports and dues of Subordinates, he wrote: "You will see that Excelsior has gained but one member during the past year, but we regard this as doing well when we consider the very dull times and the



unsettled political affairs of the kingdom. The Lodge still continues its benevolent work, having expended \$1,628.25 in charities during the past year, three-fourths of the amount being for widows and orphans. We have 6 widows and 14 orphans. The latter are all at boarding-schools, and are entirely supported by the Lodge. Harmony, No. 3, reports a loss of 4 members, owing to a large number of suspensions. The officers are all young in the Order, and will no doubt earnestly endeavor to regain the loss and add a few more members to the roll. The Encampment does not make a favorable exhibit, having initiated only 2, while 4 withdrew. One thing I feel proud of, and that is the good financial condition of the two Lodges and the Encampment. The Order in this jurisdiction has been blessed with general good health, having had very little sickness, and no deaths in the last two years." On the 5th of March he wrote: "Excelsior is in excellent financial condition, and is increasing its membership, having admitted a number by initiation, and several by card. Harmony is not in as flourishing a condition, owing to some discontent among the members. The Encampment is clearing out its dormant members, and I feel satisfied will, in a short time, be in better condition than it has been in a long time." In letter of April 30th he inclosed some newspaper slips, giving an elaborate account of the joint celebration of the sixty-eighth anniversary of the Order by Excelsior and Harmony Lodges.

Bro. FOSTER, in letter dated July 27th (received August 16th), said: "Owing to the late disturbances, of which no doubt you have heard, the officers of the Subordinates were not installed until about the middle of the month. They are young men and will work hard for the benefit of the Order. There is a great depression in business, and, of course, the Order will be affected, though I hope not. The Subordinates are in good financial condition, and if we can hold our own this year we shall do well."

SWEDEN.—Scania Lodge, No. 1, is under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Denmark. Bro. ANDREAS HOLCK, D. D. Grand Sire, having nothing to report concerning the jurisdiction, has not sent any communications. Two letters have been received from Bro. E. A. GYLLENBERG, N. G., dated February 9th and March 5th, acknowledging the remittance of \$34.45 (127 Kr.) appropriated by the Sovereign Grand Lodge to Scania Lodge, No. 1. In the latter he said: "Our Lodge is progressing slowly, but surely, and I take the opportunity of stating that Scania Lodge has purchased, in consideration of our position, a large estate or freehold for the sum of 130,000 crowns, which in dollars would be about \$32,500. It is a gratification in my mind that our Brethren have procured the means to do this business without seeking help from others. In addition, as I stated in a prior letter, there will be a Lodge instituted in Trelleborg, and a club is already established there under the name of 'Veritas.' The reason they have not applied for a Warrant is, they have decided to build a Lodge-hall first. The club has 30 members, and the building will probably be completed by the close of the present year."

SWITZERLAND.—The annual report of the Grand Lodge shows the same number of Lodges (5) as last year, with a membership of 179, a gain of 9. Bro. LOUIS KLAJE, Past Grand Secretary, in letter dated Zurich, October 27th, 1886, desired inquiry made concerning HERMANN HOUNEGGER, supposed to be a resident of St. Louis, and efforts were made to obtain the information. Bro. KLAJE also wrote: "I am sorry to say that, in spite of the efforts of the officers, it seems to be almost impossible to make progress here. There is a very good staff, but no increase of good men interested in our work is to be noticed. The fault lies more in the circumstances than in the men. Almost every man in Switzerland belongs to from 6 to 12 clubs, which he must attend, as non-appearance, as a rule, is finable. In our Order such fines were abolished some years ago, as they are contrary to the By-Laws of the I. O. O. F., but this act has caused a great deal of loss. Most of the members do not attend the meetings, and therefore lose, sooner or later, interest in the cause; consequently they get tired of paying and leave the Order. But in spite of all



these discouragements, we are still confident, and hope we shall yet establish a strong Odd Fellowship in Switzerland, though it may require extraordinary patience and work to accomplish it." Bro. RUDOLF WEBER, D. D. Grand Sire, in letter of October 28th, acknowledged receipt of Pass Words, which he communicated to the Grand Master. He also said: "The Order is not increasing much, but is in good condition." Bro. JOHANN GRABER, the new Grand Secretary, on the 11th of April, transmitted the names and residences of the newly-elected officers of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland.

SPAIN.—A letter from E. CONTRERAZ, dated Madrid, June 12th, 1886, reached this office on the 1st of October. He stated: "I send you the biography of our Grand Master (Masonic Grand Lodge), D. M. BECERRA. Have the kindness to acknowledge the receipt of the book." On the 10th of October he was informed that the book had not been received.

In "La Fraternidad Del Porvenir," an Odd Fellows' newspaper published in Havana, a lengthy article appeared on the subject of establishing the Order in Spain. A translation of the document was procured through Bro. JOHN MEDOLE, P. G. Representative, of New York, (who has furnished translations of a number of Spanish letters without charge for the service), and is submitted in manuscript with the Foreign Correspondence.

#### EXPENSES AND INVESTED FUNDS OF SUBORDINATES.

There is no *law* requiring Grand Bodies to make returns of these important matters, but merely a suggestion, which has been responded to in whole or in part by a large majority of the jurisdictions. Last year complete returns were presented from 26 Grand Lodges and 13 Grand Encampments. This year 29 Grand Lodges and 13 Grand Encampments have reported in full, and we have partial reports from 8 Grand Lodges and 11 Grand Encampments. The following (17) Grand Lodges have not reported expenses or investments: Denmark, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, New Jersey, Quebec, South Carolina, Switzerland, Tennessee, Virginia; also the following (19) Grand Encampments: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, New Jersey, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Wyoming.

The excuse for not furnishing the information is, generally, "our laws do not require Subordinates to report amount of expenses and invested funds;" but it is in the power of Grand Bodies to demand such information, and have the items inserted on the blanks for the annual reports.

The accompanying table exhibits all the information received.

#### CHARGE AND DEGREE BOOKS.

The orders heretofore received from the Grand Lodge of Australasia for Charge and Degree Books, edition of 1880, have been filled, but the supply is nearly exhausted, there being only 80 Charge and 24 Degree Books on hand. If further orders (which are usually for 100 copies of each) are received, the books cannot be supplied unless provision is made for reprinting. The electrotypes plates were used as far as possible in the present Subordinate Lodge Ritual. The folios were changed and numerous other alterations were made, so that the plates are not available to any extent for printing Charge and Degree Books. If the Lodges in Australia are to transact the ordinary Lodge business in the Initiatory Degree, it is evident that arrangements must be made for supplying the books, or authorize the Grand Lodge of Australasia to print them.



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RETURNS of Grand Bodies of the Expenses of Subordinates, separate from Benefits and Charities, for the year 1886, and amount of Invested Funds, December 31st, 1886:

JURISDICTION.	GRAND LODGES.		GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	
	Current Exp.	Invested Funds.	Current Exp.	Invested Funds.
1. Alabama.....	\$4,443 93	\$21,037 00	.....	.....
2. Arizona.....	3,886 84	11,027 90	.....	.....
3. Arkansas.....	3,990 10	21,798 50	.....	.....
4. British Columbia..	5,652 86	54,828 64	.....	.....
5. California.....	163,135 49	2,049,388 19	\$19,742 90	\$163,899 26
6. Chile.....	428 40	.....	.....	.....
7. Colorado.....	.....	129,576 65	2,166 81	12,198 00
8. Connecticut.....	33,988 67	278,702 39	4,717 89	22,355 23
9. Dakota.....	38,323 27	37,072 26	3,440 60	.....
10. Delaware.....	12,103 24	130,905 54	741 85	2,879 99
11. Denmark.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
12. Dist. of Columbia..	7,745 42	35,453 05	1,218 77	9,702 97
13. Florida.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
14. Georgia.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
15. Idaho.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
16. Illinois.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
17. Indiana.....	107,925 00	1,557,451 61	8,358 58	64,621 16
18. Iowa.....	49,600 46	559,234 00	4,615 02	13,215 06
19. Kansas.....	71,714 89	387,483 64	.....	.....
20. Kentucky.....	.....	248,498 40	.....	21,797 67
21. Louisiana.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
22. Lower Provinces..	6,096 34	21,906 60	.....	.....
23. Maine.....	38,220 04	468,006 13	5,021 29	59,785 77
24. Manitoba.....	4,122 94	22,569 16	.....	.....
25. Maryland.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
26. Massachusetts.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
27. Michigan.....	34,029 94	.....	3,575 64	.....
28. Minnesota.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
29. Mississippi.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
30. Missouri.....	.....	534,159 00	.....	11,464 75
31. Montana.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
32. Nebraska.....	20,150 06	191,687 33	843 50	5,862 03
33. Nevada.....	14,932 55	59,736 55	1,780 18	5,470 00
34. New Hampshire...	.....	269,412 86	.....	20,466 61
35. New Jersey.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
36. New York.....	168,145 85	.....	12,423 82	.....
37. North Carolina....	5,449 19	31,865 26	204 71	150 00
38. Ohio.....	236,500 24	1,758,424 29	.....	191,744 73
39. Ontario.....	53,270 89	548,267 49	.....	27,058 34
40. Oregon.....	21,247 15	79,525 00	.....	.....
41. Pennsylvania.....	224,144 59	3,032,830 44	23,881 61	314,663 95
42. Quebec.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
43. Rhode Island.....	32,676 94	213,873 61	5,154 48	26,169 07
44. South Carolina.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
45. Switzerland.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
46. Tennessee.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
47. Texas.....	25,076 72	194,504 15	.....	1,500 00
48. Utah.....	5,249 21	22,525 80	.....	.....
49. Vermont.....	8,920 26	38,494 25	1,075 00	.....
50. Virginia.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
51. Washington.....	23,254 05	53,070 60	1,323 33	600 00
52. West Virginia.....	17,285 19	102,870 94	.....	.....
53. Wisconsin.....	61,190 36	222,407 41	2,279 08	.....
54. Wyoming.....	.....	41,093 23	.....	.....

## MEMBERSHIP.

*Increase and Decrease from January 1st to December 31st, 1886.*

JURISDICTION.	LODGE.		ENCAMPMENT.	
	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.
Alabama.....	66	.....	.....	8
Alberta (1 Lodge).....	10	.....	.....	.....
Arizona.....	11	.....	.....	.....
Arizona (1 Encampment).....	.....	.....	.....	1
Arkansas.....	.....	130	10	.....
British Columbia.....	86	.....	.....	.....
British Columbia (2 Encampments).....	.....	.....	.....	47
California.....	297	.....	208	.....
Chile.....	.....	33	.....	.....
Colorado.....	110	.....	49	.....
Connecticut.....	722	.....	174	.....
Cuba (6 Lodges).....	202	.....	.....	.....
Dakota.....	507	.....	228	.....
Delaware.....	.....	3	.....	3
Denmark.....	23	.....	.....	.....
Denmark (4 Encampments).....	.....	.....	.....	73
District of Columbia.....	.....	242	15	.....
Florida.....	.....	2	.....	8
Georgia.....	80	.....	26	.....
Idaho.....	112	.....	.....	.....
Idaho (1 Encampment).....	.....	.....	.....	1
Illinois.....	454	.....	7	.....
Indiana.....	1,355	.....	537	.....
Indian Territory (5 Lodges, 2 Encamp's)	31	.....	2	.....
Iowa.....	.....	256	.....	225
Kansas.....	921	.....	358	.....
Kentucky.....	41	.....	112	.....
Louisiana.....	25	.....	3	.....
Lower Provinces, B. N. A.....	28	.....	.....	.....
Lower Provinces (5 Encampments).....	.....	.....	.....	41
Maine.....	821	.....	116	.....
Manitoba.....	285	.....	.....	.....
Manitoba (3 Encampments).....	.....	.....	16	.....
Maryland.....	.....	329	.....	12
Massachusetts.....	1,541	.....	436	.....
Mexico (2 Lodges).....	25	.....	.....	.....
Michigan.....	78	.....	39	.....
Minnesota.....	434	.....	6	.....
Mississippi.....	.....	10	.....	31
Missouri.....	152	.....	53	.....
Montana.....	238	.....	30	.....
Nébraska.....	450	.....	26	.....
Netherlands (2 Lodges).....	10	.....	.....	.....
Nevada.....	.....	50	.....	5
New Hampshire.....	288	.....	117	.....
New Jersey.....	1,028	.....	121	.....
New Mexico (8 Lodges, 4 Encampments)	61	.....	31	.....



MEMBERSHIP.

Increase and Decrease from January 1st to December 31st, 1886—Continued.

JURISDICTION.	LODGE.		ENCAMPMENT.	
	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.
New York.....	1,785	.....	161	.....
North Carolina.....	.....	39	13	.....
Ohio.....	722	.....	95	.....
Ontario.....	350	.....	158	.....
Oregon.....	118	.....	89	.....
Pennsylvania.....	656	.....	324	.....
Peru (3 Lodges, 1 Encampment).....	8	.....	1	.....
Quebec.....	34	.....	.....	.....
Rhode Island.....	247	.....	236	.....
Sandwich Islands (2 Lodges, 1 Encamp.).....	.....	3	.....	2
South Carolina.....	30	.....	3	.....
Switzerland.....	9	.....	.....	.....
Tennessee.....	73	.....	65	.....
Texas.....	.....	108	80	.....
Utah.....	5	.....	.....	.....
Vermont.....	93	.....	27	.....
Virginia.....	76	.....	.....	103
Washington.....	199	.....	84	.....
West Virginia.....	.....	100	.....	23
Wisconsin.....	.....	611	.....	92
Wyoming.....	9	.....	16	.....
Totals.....	14,906	1,916	4,072	675

Net gain in membership of Lodges, 12,990; Encampments, 3,397.

LIBRARY.

The number of bound volumes has been increased 112 by contributions, and binding pamphlets during the last year, and the collection now consists of 706 bound books. The additions are as follows :

BOUND VOLUMES.

Per Journal of 1886, page 10,310.....	594
Received during the year :	
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, Vol. III., 1872-1886, inclusive, pp. 1013-1691, octavo; pamphlets bound.....	1
Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Alabama, Vol. I., 1867-1886, inclusive, pp. 426, octavo; pamphlets bound.....	1
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, Vols. I. and II., 1849-1875, inclusive, pp. 1022, and Vols. III. and IV., 1876-1885, inclusive, pp. 794, octavo; pamphlets bound.....	2
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, Vol. I., 1874-1886, inclusive, pp. 1-494, octavo; pamphlets bound.....	1
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of California, Vol. VI., 1879-1883, inclusive, pp. 1-1282, octavo; pamphlets bound.....	1
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Chile, Vol. I., 1875-1886, inclusive, pp. 380, octavo; pamphlets bound.....	1

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, Vol. II., 1878-1886, inclusive, pp. 711-1580, octavo; pamphlets bound.....	1
Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Colorado, Vol. I., 1873-1886, inclusive, pp. 1-592, octavo; pamphlets bound.....	1
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Dakota, Vol. I., 1875-1886, inclusive, pp. 1-680, octavo; pamphlets bound.....	1
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, Vol. III., 1880-1886, inclusive, pp. 1711-2580, octavo; pamphlets bound.....	1
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Florida, Vol. II., 1859-1861 and 1867-1886, inclusive, pp. 1046, octavo; pamphlets bound.....	1
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, Vol. IV., 1879-1886, inclusive, pp. 427-1024, octavo; pamphlets bound.....	1
Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Georgia, Vol. I., 1847-1886, inclusive, pp. 634, octavo; pamphlets bound.....	1
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, Vol. I., 1872-1879, inclusive, pp. 1120, and Vol. II., 1881-1885, inclusive, pp. 1158, octavo; pamphlets bound.....	2
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Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, Vol. VII., 1881-1885, inclusive, pp. 1-1034, octavo; pamphlets bound.....	1
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, Vol. X., 1879-1883, inclusive, pp. 937-2158, octavo; pamphlets bound.....	1
Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Indiana, Vol. III., 1868-1876, inclusive, pp. 1-580, and Vol. IV., 1876-1886, inclusive, pp. 1-694, octavo; pamphlets bound.....	2
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, Vol. IV., 1882-1886, inclusive, pp. 2843-3640, octavo; pamphlets bound.....	1
Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Kansas, Vol. II., 1879-1887, inclusive, pp. 499-1170, octavo; pamphlets bound.....	1
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Vol. I., 1836-1848, inclusive, pp. 333, and Vol. IX., 1882-1886, inclusive, pp. 3739-5240, octavo; pamphlets bound.....	2
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces, Vol. II., 1869-1879, inclusive, pp. 606, and Vol. III., 1880-1886, inclusive, pp. 349-1048, octavo; pamphlets bound.....	2
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maine, Vol. IV., 1881-1886, inclusive, pp. 1487-2142, octavo; pamphlets bound.....	1
Digest of the Laws, etc., of the Grand Lodge of Maine, from its organization to and including the year 1886, octavo, full sheep; presented by the Grand Lodge of Maine.....	1
Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Patriarchs of Maryland, from October, 1876, to October, 1886, inclusive, octavo, half sheep; presented by the Grand Encampment of Maryland.....	1
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Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Vol. VII., 1878-1882, inclusive, pp. 1-1190, octavo; pamphlets bound.....	1
Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, Vol. III., 1872-1883, inclusive, pp. 1-878, octavo; pamphlets bound.....	1
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, Vol. V., 1879-1882, inclusive, pp. 842, and Vol. VI., 1883-1886, inclusive, pp. 702, octavo; pamphlets bound.....	2
Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Michigan, Vol. II., 1878-1886, inclusive, pp. 598, octavo; pamphlets bound.....	1
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Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Minnesota, Vol. I., 1871-1886, inclusive, pp. 1-360, octavo; pamphlets bound.....	1
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, Vol. VI., 1878-1882, inclusive, pp. 1-736, octavo; pamphlets bound.....	1
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, Vol. VII., 1876-1880, inclusive, pp. 1-910, and Vol. VIII., 1881-1885, inclusive, pp. 1-986, octavo; pamphlets bound.....	2
Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of New Jersey, Vol. II., 1868-1877, inclusive, pp. 1-678, octavo; pamphlets bound.....	1
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York, Vol. XIV., 1880-1882, inclusive, pp. 1-686, and Vol. XV., 1883-1885, inclusive, pp. 17-708, octavo; pamphlets bound.....	2
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Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, Vol. VII., 1882-1885, inclusive, pp. 3165-4336, octavo; pamphlets bound .....	1
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, Vol. IV., 1880-1884, inclusive, pp. 1913-2758, octavo; pamphlets bound.....	1
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, Vol. V., 1882-1885, inclusive, pp. 3827-5400, octavo; pamphlets bound.....	1
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Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Vols. XV. and XVI., in one volume, 1882-1885, inclusive, pp. 1016, octavo; pamphlets bound..	1
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Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, Vol. VI., 1880-1886, inclusive, pp. 1146, octavo; pamphlets bound .....	1
Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Rhode Island, Vol. II., 1871-1879, inclusive, pp. 1-590, and Vol. III., 1880-1885, inclusive, pp. 1-428, octavo; pamphlets bound.....	2
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Tactics and Drill of a Uniformed Encampment of Patriarchs, compiled by S. L. BRASTED, Wisconsin, 1876; 18mo.....	1
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Monthly Magazine of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Manchester Unity, Vol. XVII., January to December, 1886.

Ditto, January, 1887 (3 copies).

Manchester Unity, Quarterly Reports, February, April, July, October, 1886.

Manchester Unity, Supplementary Report, July 1st, 1872.

Rules of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Manchester Unity Friendly Society, A. M. C. 1886.

The above were presented by J. J. STOCKALL, Grand Master.

Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, A. F. & A. M., June, 1887. Presented by Bro. T. S. PARVIN, Grand Secretary.

Knights of Pythias. Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio at its Eighteenth Annual Session, May, 1887. Presented by Bro. W. B. KENNEDY, G. K. of R. and S.

Circulars of Information of the Bureau of Education. Forty-three octavo pamphlets, presented by the Bureau of Education, Washington, viz.:

1. June, 1872. Education in the British West Indies.

2. Ditto, No. 2, 1873. Schools in British India.

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4. Ditto, No. 5, 1875. Suggestions respecting the Educational Exhibit at the International Centennial Exhibition, 1876.

5. Ditto, No. 7, 1875. Constitutional Provisions in regard to Education in the several States of the American Union.

6. Ditto, No. 8, 1875. Schedule for the Preparation of Students' Work for the Centennial Exhibition, as reported by the Committee of the Department of Superintendence of the National Educational Association, appointed at Minneapolis in 1875.

7. Ditto, No. 2, 1877. Reports on the Systems of Public Instruction in Finland, the Netherlands, Denmark, Wurtemberg and Portugal; with a paper on the University of Leipzig.

8. Ditto, No. 3, 1879. The Value of Common School Education to Common Labor, by DR. EDWARD JARVIS, of Dorchester, Mass.; together with illustrations of the same, as shown by the answers to inquiries addressed to employers, workmen and observers.

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10. Ditto, No. 1, 1880. College Libraries as Aids to Instruction.

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13. Ditto, No. 5, 1880. English Rural Schools.

14. Ditto, No. 6, 1880. A Report on the Teaching of Chemistry and Physics in the United States, by FRANK WIGGLESWORTH CLARK, S.B., Professor of Chemistry and Physics in the University of Cincinnati.

15. Ditto, No. 7, 1880. The Spelling Reform.

16. Ditto, No. 1, 1881. The Construction of Library Buildings.

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18. Ditto, No. 2, 1882. Proceedings of the Department of Superintendence of the National Educational Association, at its meeting at Washington, March 21st-23d, 1882.

19. Ditto, No. 2, 1883. Co-education of the Sexes in the Public Schools of the United States.

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37. Ditto. Instruction in Morals and Civil Government.

38. Ditto. Natural Science in Secondary Schools.

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COLORADO.—*The Three Links*, Trinidad; monthly.

CUBA.—*La Fraternidad Del Porvenir* (Spanish), Havana; tri-monthly. *La Perseverancia* (Spanish), Havana; semi-monthly.

DENMARK.—*Odd Fellow Bladet* (Danish), Copenhagen; weekly.

GERMANY.—*Der Odd Fellow* (German), Leipzig; weekly.

ILLINOIS.—*The Odd Fellows' Herald*, Bloomington; semi-monthly. *The Odd Fellows' Review*, Springfield; weekly.

INDIANA.—*The Odd Fellows' Talisman*, Indianapolis; monthly.

KANSAS.—*The Western Odd Fellow*, Osborne; monthly.

MAINE.—*The Odd Fellows' Register*, Portland; monthly.

MARYLAND.—*The Telegram*, Baltimore; weekly.

MISSOURI.—*The Triple Link*, Carrollton; semi-monthly.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—*Independent Statesman*, Concord; weekly.



NEW JERSEY.—*The New Jersey Odd Fellow*, Trenton; monthly.

NEW YORK.—*Brooklyn Review*, Brooklyn; weekly. *Der Fuehrer* (German), New York; weekly. *I. O. O. F. Lodge Record*, New York; weekly. *The Brooklyn News*, Brooklyn; weekly. *The Voice of Odd Fellowship*, Rochester; semi-monthly.

OHIO.—*The Companion and American Odd Fellow*, Columbus; monthly; *The Bundle of Sticks*, Columbus; monthly. *The Ohio Odd Fellow*, Cincinnati; monthly.

ONTARIO, CANADA.—*The Dominion Odd Fellow*, Toronto; weekly.

PENNSYLVANIA.—*I. O. O. F. Guest*, Eden; monthly. *Odd Fellows' Siftings*, Philadelphia; monthly.

WISCONSIN.—*The Widows' and Orphans' Friend*, Jefferson; semi-monthly.

#### WARRANTS ISSUED.

Since the last session Charters have been sent from this office as follows:

#### *For Subordinate Encampments.*

ALBERTA, CANADA.—*Alberta, No. 1*, at Calgary. Instituted January 11th, 1887, by Bro. GEORGE MURDOCH, District Deputy Grand Sire.

ARIZONA.—*Floral, No. 2*, at Phoenix. Instituted February 22d, 1887, by Bro. WM. A. HANCOCK, Special Deputy Grand Sire, as authorized by Bro. M. T. HERZOG, District Deputy Grand Sire.

NEW MEXICO.—*Albuquerque, No. 4*, at Albuquerque. Instituted October 15th, 1886, by Bro. A. C. SLOAN, District Deputy Grand Sire.

UTAH.—*Wasatch, No. 3*, at Park City. Instituted June 11th, 1887, by Bro. ALEXANDER ROGERS, Special Deputy Grand Sire.

#### *For Subordinate Lodges.*

CUBA.—*Hijos del Trabajo, No. 7*, at Havana. Instituted April 27th, 1887, by Bro. JOSE ANTONIO LOPEZ, District Deputy Grand Sire.

FRANCE, EUROPE.—*Concorde, No. 1*, at Havre. Instituted March 2d, 1887, by Bro. L. BOURDONNAY, Special Deputy Grand Sire.

NEW MEXICO.—*The Percha, No. 9*, at Kingston. Instituted May 19th, 1887, by Bro. J. M. SMITH, Special Deputy Grand Sire, as authorized by Bro. A. C. SLOAN, District Deputy Grand Sire. *Fidelity, No. 10*, at Gallup. Instituted August 27th, 1887, by Bro. A. C. SLOAN, District Deputy Grand Sire.

#### *For Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah.*

INDIAN TERRITORY.—*Independence, No. 2*, at McAlister. Instituted November 27th, 1886, by Bro. H. J. ELLARD, Special Deputy Grand Sire, as authorized by Bro. J. R. HARRIS, District Deputy Grand Sire. This Charter was authorized by the Sovereign Grand Lodge at session September, 1886.

NEW MEXICO.—*Naomi, No. 1*, at Las Vegas. Instituted February 24th, 1887, by Bro. A. C. SLOAN, District Deputy Grand Sire.

#### RETURN OF INSTITUTION.

In addition to the returns of institution of the Bodies named above, the following has been received and filed with petition for Charter:

*Regla Lodge, No. 6*, Regla, Cuba. Instituted September 24th, 1886, by Bro. EMILIO MOLA, District Deputy Grand Sire.

#### DUPLICATE CHARTER.

As authorized at session of 1886 (Journal, 10,490, 10,641), a Duplicate Charter was issued to Deming Lodge, No. 6, New Mexico, free of cost. The document was prepared in accordance with the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, in Digest, Sections 1172, 1173.

## CARD ISSUED.

November 20th, 1886, to CHARLES WARD, First Degree (old Third Degree), formerly a member of Callao Lodge, No. 2, Callao, Peru, South America.

## SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, ETC.

In May, 1887, a circular was issued from this office, embodying the resolution (Journal, 10,508,) relating to schools and colleges under the control of the Order, etc., and requesting information, on the blanks transmitted, as early as possible. Blanks were returned by fourteen jurisdictions, with remarks as follows:

*Alabama*.—"I received your blanks in regard to schools, etc., but have not sufficient data to report. There is one Lodge in the State that has four scholarships in a female academy, and another that owns a school-house and grounds, but I have no particulars as to their management."

*Arizona*.—"Nothing of the kind in this Territory."

*Dakota*.—"There are none of these in Dakota."

*District of Columbia*.—"Schools and colleges under control of Grand Lodge, and children attending the same, none; children kept at other schools not under the control of the Order, 17; amount paid out per term on account of the same, \$121.19."

*Idaho*.—"None exist in Idaho."

*Illinois* (Grand Encampment).—"None."

*Kentucky*.—"None that I have information of. Cannot say as to number of children attending schools, colleges and amount paid out per term."

*Massachusetts*.—"None."

*Nebraska*.—"None."

*Nevada*.—"None."

*New York*.—"None."

*Quebec*.—"Nothing of the kind in this jurisdiction."

*Vermont*.—"None."

*Virginia*.—"We have none under our supervision. As to children attending other schools, it is impossible for me to form even an approximate. We have the public free-school system throughout the entire State, but it is impossible to say how many are the children of Odd Fellows, or what amount is expended in their education."

*Wisconsin*.—"None."

*Sandwich Islands*.—Bro. FOSTER, D. D. Grand Sire, in letter of January 10th (see Foreign Correspondence), stated that Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, had the care of fourteen orphans, who are at boarding-schools and are entirely supported by the Lodge.

## ENDOWMENT OR LIFE INSURANCE.

This subject has occupied the attention of many prominent members of the Order, and there are of course many and widely different opinions as to the proper course to pursue. Some advocate the establishment of an association under the exclusive management and control of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, while others favor keeping the present associations in existence, but requiring them to be subject to the supervision of an officer similar to the Insurance Commissioner of a State; to prohibit them from using the name of the Order unless their condition has been examined by such officer, and certified by him as satisfactory. Some are opposed to any interference with the present organizations, and there are a few who would be glad to see all institutions of an insurance character, in connection with the Order, go out of existence.

Bro. C. E. MACK, Representative from Nevada, transmitted to this office a memorial of the Grand Lodge of that State, "asking for the formation of a National Endowment Association for Odd Fellows," and accompanied the pamphlet with a letter, saying: "We earnestly petition for assistance in securing to thousands of Odd Fellows of to-day and the countless millions to come, the benefits of a strong and lasting *Endowment Association*, believing



that such an institution will add immense strength to our Order, financially and numerically, and more closely cement the ties of Friendship, Love and Truth."

On this subject, Grand Master J. B. LEY, in his report to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, April, 1887, said: "In my visitations to the various Lodges of my jurisdiction I have frequently presented the claims of the Widows' and Orphans' Relief Association, depicting its advantages, its solvency and perfect management, but seemingly I have failed to arouse any interest; and after mature reflection and interviewing members of the Order I would recommend legislation in the Sovereign Grand Lodge creating and incorporating an endowment under its direct control and management, thereby dispelling any prejudice or lack of confidence that may now exist. I believe an endowment feature in our Order essential to its prosperity, and urge prompt action in the matter."

ODD FELLOWS' HOMES, ORPHAN ASYLUMS, CEMETERY ASSOCIATIONS, VETERAN ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

The following information was furnished:

ARKANSAS.—"We have nothing of this nature to report from this jurisdiction. An effort was made at the last session of our Grand Lodge to inaugurate an Odd Fellows' Asylum at Hot Springs, but so far without result. PETER BRUGMAN, *Grand Secretary*."

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—*Veteran Odd Fellows' Association, Washington*.—"Organized April 21st, 1887. Object: Fraternal association and as a means of collecting the early history of the Order in the District of Columbia and preserving the same. Receipts, \$30; contingent expenses, \$5.40; money on hand, \$24.60. Meetings quarterly, on the third Mondays in April, July, October and January—the April is the annual meeting; annual social session about the time of the anniversary of the Order. Will visit Lodges on invitation, and will attend funerals of veterans. Membership fee, \$1; annual dues, \$1, which (after paying running expenses) is to be used for the annual social session. All Odd Fellows in good standing, initiated twenty-one years prior to making application, are admitted without vote, on furnishing evidence of qualification. W. W. DANENHOUSER, *President*; C. B. R. COLLEDGE, *Secretary*."

KENTUCKY—*Veteran Association, Louisville*—"Organized December 27th, 1879. Object: To intensify a love for the Order, by social intercourse and fraternal communion, thus cementing the bonds of Brotherhood; to visit, in a body, the Subordinate Lodges and, 'speaking from age and experience,' give wholesome advice to those who, in the course of time, are bound to take the places of those who may fall battling in the cause of humanity. Receipts, \$269.50; expenses, \$234.70. For year ending October, 1886, receipts, \$34.50; expenses, \$22.50; money on hand, \$42.10. The association at present numbers 74 members, two of whom have been members of the Order over fifty-four years, and are yet in active service. Fourteen have died since the organization. Meetings quarterly; annual meeting in October. HENRY WOLFORD, *Chief Veteran*; CHARLES WOLFORD, *Secretary*."

NEBRASKA.—"None that I know of. D. A. CLINE, *Grand Secretary*."

NEVADA.—"None. B. F. WALLACE, *Grand Secretary*."

OREGON—*Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home and Educational Fund, Fairview* (see Journal of 1886, p. 10,323).—"For year ending April 30th, 1887, receipts, \$548.75; paid for improvements, \$378; expenses, \$27; money on hand, \$949; value of property, \$10,440. F. M. BLACK, *President*; A. N. GAMBELL, *Secretary*."

PENNSYLVANIA—*The Home for Orphans of Odd Fellows of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia* (see Journal of 1886, p. 10,695).—"For year ending June 18th, 1887, receipts, \$11,073.18; paid for enlargement of Home, putting in steam heater and improvement of grounds, \$7,738.74; expenses, \$3,345.17; money on hand, \$259.34; value of real estate, etc., \$30,612.91. Liabilities—Mortgage, \$10,000; loans, \$1,300. Worth of Home over all liabilities, \$19,572.25. JOHN WHITE, *President*; C. B. D. RICHARDSON, *Secretary*."

TEXAS.—"None to report. L. F. DE LESDERNIER, *Grand Scribe*."

WISCONSIN.—"None. L. B. HILLS, *Grand Secretary*."



*Odd Fellows' Beneficial Associations,*

	JURISDICTION.	NAME.	LOCATION.
*1	British Columbia, Can.	Auxiliary Endowment Benefit Association	Victoria .....
2	Connecticut.....	O. F. Mutual Aid Association of Conn.....	New Haven.....
†3	District of Columbia....	I. O. O. F. Mutual Relief Association.....	Washington .....
4	Illinois .....	Covenant Mutual Benefit Association.....	Galesburg .....
5	Indiana.....	O. F. Mutual Aid Association of Indiana..	Indianapolis.....
†6	Kentucky.....	{ Benefit Association of the Grand Lodge of Ky., I. O. O. F..... }	Louisville .....
7	Maine.....	Odd Fellows' Benefit Association.....	Portland.....
8	" .....	O. F. Graded Mutual Relief Ass'n of Maine.	Norway.....
9	" .....	O. F. Mutual Relief Ass'n of Portland.....	Portland.....
10	" .....	York County O. F. Mutual Relief Ass'n....	Biddeford .....
11	" .....	O. F. Mutual Relief Association of Maine..	Lewiston.....
12	Massachusetts.....	{ O. F. Mutual Benefit Association of Dorchester District..... }	Boston.....
*13	" .....	O. F. Beneficial Ass'n of Massachusetts....	Boston.....
14	" .....	O. F. Mutual Benefit Ass'n of Essex, North	Salem.....
15	" .....	{ O. F. Mutual Benefit Association, Charlestown District..... }	Boston.....
16	" .....	O. F. Mutual Benefit Association.....	Lowell.....
17	" .....	O. F. Mutual Benefit Association.....	Chelsea.....
18	" .....	{ O. F. Mutual Relief Association of Worcester County.. .. }	Worcester.....
19	" .....	O. F. Mutual Relief Association of Clinton	Clinton.....
*20	" .....	O. F. Mutual Relief Ass'n of Cambridge....	Cambridge.....
21	" .....	{ Daughters of Rebekah Mutual Benefit Association..... }	Ipswich.....
22	" .....	Lynn O. F. Mutual Benefit Association....	Lynn.....
23	" .....	{ O. F. Mutual Relief Association of the Connecticut River Valley..... }	Springfield.....
24	" .....	New England Provident Ass'n, I. O. O. F..	East Cambridge...
25	" .....	O. F. Mutual Benefit Association.....	Provincetown.....
*26	Michigan .....	O. F. Assurance Ass'n of Bay County.....	Bay City.....
27	Minnesota.....	Minnesota O. F. Mutual Benefit Society...	St. Paul.....
28	Nevada.....	{ Endowment Rank, I. O. O. F., of the Pacific Coast..... }	Virginia City.....
29	New Jersey.....	O. F. Mutual Life Insurance Ass'n of N. J.	Newark.....
30	" .....	Odd Fellows' Funeral Aid Association.....	Trenton.....
†31	New York.....	Odd Fellows' Benevolent Association.....	Buffalo .....
32	" .....	O. F. Mutual Benefit Ass'n of Kings County	Brooklyn.....
33	" .....	Odd Fellows' Relief Association.....	Albany.....
34	" .....	Odd Fellows' Provident Association.....	Brooklyn.....
*35	" .....	O. F. Endowment Ass'n of Central N. Y....	Syracuse.....
36	Ohio .....	O. F. Home Benefit Association of Ohio....	Cincinnati.....
37	" .....	O. F. Beneficial Association of Columbus...	Columbus.....
38	" .....	O. F. Mutual Aid and Accident Ass'n.....	Piqua.....
39	" .....	{ O. F. Beneficial Association of Mus- kingum Valley..... }	Zanesville.....
40	" .....	O. F. National Beneficial Association.....	Dayton.....
41	Pennsylvania.....	O. F. Endowment Ass'n of Pennsylvania..	Allegheny.....
42	Rhode Island.....	Odd Fellows' Beneficial Association.....	Providence.....
43	Virginia.....	{ O. F. Widows' and Orphans' Relief Association of Virginia, North Caro- lina and West Virginia .....	Richmond.....
44	Wisconsin.....	Wisconsin O. F. Protective Association....	Milwaukee.....
†45	" .....	Wisconsin O. F. Mutual Life Insurance Co.	Jefferson .....
Totals for one year.....			.....
No. 3. Add from organization to Decem- ber 31st, 188.....			.....
No. 31. Add from organization to June 30th, 1886.....			.....
Reported in 1886 (Journal, 10,694).....			.....
Totals from organization.....			.....

Fiscal year ends: No. 8, January 17th; No. 33, January 31st; Nos. 23, 40, 45, March 31st; Nos. 28, 42, May 31st; No. 21, June 7th; No. 30, June 14th; Nos. 4, 6, 10, 16, 17, 19, 25, 27, 31, 32, 34, 36, 38, 39, 41, 43, June 30th; No. 11, August 1st; No. 5, October 31st; Nos. 2, 3, 7, 9, 12, 14, 15, 18, 22, 24, 29, 37, 44, December 31st.



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## Mutual Aid, or Life Insurance Societies.

For Year Ending June 30th, 1887.							
	Receipts.	Paid to families of deceased members.	Paid for expenses.	Members received.	Memberships terminated (except by death).	Deaths.	Members in good standing.
*1							
2	\$59,976 55	\$50,500 00	\$3,908 99	60	42	31	2,864
†3	2,121 30	1,035 00	237 75	3	62	5	369
4	695,290 95	482,054 01	70,636 19	5,614	1,924	211	26,361
5	108,125 01	102,500 00	11,467 16	319	88	52	4,576
†6	65,754 55	57,744 57	7,716 27	1,383	1,245	82	56
7	609 76	515 00	52 90	10	7	2	263
8	1,813 00	1,619 50	177 69	123	10	3	589
9	30,336 99	30,000 00	1,679 76	16	21	20	1,515
10	1,271 00	1,206 00	53 00	8	.....	4	300
11	86,169 86	79,500 00	4,621 47	189	136	53	4,683
12	17 00	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	100
*13							
14	34,090 75	38,887 00	1,671 58	5	388	42	1,424
15	5,795 80	4,314 00	278 99	22	13	10	538
16	6,736 75	5,600 00	893 65	23	37	7	743
17	50 00	.....	.....	14	.....	.....	254
18	20,637 32	20,000 00	1,155 95	41	20	21	1,321
19	1,594 19	1,268 68	141 07	121	8	2	111
*20							
21	316 80	249 50	30 16	18	4	4	161
22	2,770 50	2,008 00	163 25	9	18	4	322
23	38,763 48	33,378 50	3,000 12	103	81	35	3,834
24	337 30	290 00	42 35	1	1	3	143
25	385 00	371 00	18 47	7	.....	2	188
*26							
27	48,725 87	44,630 00	2,636 17	183	146	24	2,557
28	5,681 10	6,252 40	171 69	36	21	10	468
29	16,333 54	13,382 00	1,281 22	32	56	14	933
30	1,158 00	1,206 00	.....	.....	3	7	169
†31	2,587 50	2,680 00	107 50	6	83	13	175
32	15,295 71	15,252 00	.....	5	98	21	669
33	3,629 36	3,007 09	366 77	217	20	5	738
34	7,489 89	6,794 00	61 50	24	44	10	724
*35							
36	1,905 95	1,158 00	243 20	1	18	5	222
37	140,058 88	119,986 00	11,974 69	250	238	107	10,005
38	39,220 62	31,355 00	1,170 75	2,695	325	20	5,285
39	27,237 25	25,942 00	1,280 74	50	56	25	1,314
40	27,446 24	19,413 00	3,568 81	.....	.....	.....	.....
41	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,694
42	26,790 11	27,083 33	1,775 50	24	22	26	993
43	752 18	688 00	113 25	30	19	8	273
44	12,368 60	12,000 00	1,027 44	29	35	12	702
†45	128,379 31	116,200 00	12,681 68	425	200	115	7,758
.....	\$1,668,023 97	\$1,360,069 58	\$145,907 68	12,100	5,489	1,010	86,394
.....	59,824 17	54,196 00	5,927 13	853	308	112	.....
.....	14,893 66	13,115 00	1,390 09	636	321	50	.....
.....	\$1,742,741 80	\$1,427,380 58	\$153,224 90	13,589	6,118	1,172	86,394
.....	9,537,712 90	8,106,298 97	1,001,163 96	73,441	19,390	5,526	.....
.....	\$11,280,454 70	\$9,533,679 55	\$1,154,388 86	87,030	25,508	6,698	86,394
.....							\$658,044 21

\* Report for last year not received. † First report. ‡ First report, and entire amount received, expended, etc., from organization, included.

## REMOVAL OF THE OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY.

In accordance with the legislation at last session, and pursuant to the instructions of the Special Committee at their meeting in Columbus, March 8th, 1887, arrangements were made to transfer the movable property of the Sovereign Grand Lodge from Baltimore, Md., to Columbus, Ohio. On the 29th of March, as directed by the Committee, notice was given to the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Maryland that the premises rented from the said Grand Lodge would be vacated on or before the 30th day of June, 1887; and a further communication was addressed to the Grand Lodge of Maryland offering to sell them the building erected by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. No official reply was made to the proposition, but it appears from the printed Journal of the Body that it was concluded not to take any steps towards acquiring the property.

Preparations for moving were commenced in March, and on the 20th and 21st of June the entire property, consisting of 202 boxes, the desks and chairs for Representatives, office furniture, etc. (matted), was transferred to the B. and O. R. R. and shipped in four freight cars to Columbus. The railroad company declined to take any risk on the furniture, etc. (unless an extraordinary rate of freight was paid), and demanded a release from all responsibility. Under the circumstances, after consultation with the Grand Treasurer, it was concluded to insure the property, and a policy was accordingly procured covering the risk in the freight-yards at Baltimore and Columbus, and in transit. The larger number of the desks and chairs for Representatives were made many years ago, and not being very strong, several of them were broken in the removal. The entire expense of removal incurred to this date, including insurance, and alterations in building at Baltimore, is \$696.37. The cost of repairing the damaged furniture has not been ascertained, and is not included in above amount.

Stoves will be required to heat the offices, and a carpet is needed for the general business-room; also suitable provision needs to be made for a carpet for the large hall designed for the annual sessions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. It is believed that no further expenditures of consequence will be required at present.

The offices in Columbus are pleasant, conveniently arranged and admirably adapted for the business of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. The shelving in the offices is ample and is protected by glass cases, so that the contents are preserved from dust. The vault, though of less dimensions than the one in Baltimore, contains more shelf-room, and will doubtless be sufficient for the requirements of the Order for many years to come. A hand elevator furnishes the needed facilities for transferring boxes from the street to the packing-room, as well as from the room to express-wagons. A galvanized iron ceiling was placed in the large hall and handsomely frescoed. Much credit is due to the trustees of the Temple for the handsome and satisfactory manner in which the premises were prepared.

## MANCHESTER UNITY.

In the absence of official statistics relating to this Order, the following extract from a newspaper publication is submitted:

"The Annual Movable Committee was held in Dover, England, on the 30th day of May, 1887. The address of the Grand Master stated the strength of the Order 617,587 members, a net increase of 11,665 during the past year. The Juvenile branch numbers 31,375, making the total membership of the Unity 648,962. Of 27,815 initiated, 72 per cent. were under 25 years of age. The Grand Master hopes that the correspondence had with Grand Sire HENRY F. GAREY, last year, will eventually result in a system of intercommunication being established between the Manchester Unity and the Independent Order, so that members may be allowed to visit each other's Lodges, and, under proper restrictions, have an oversight of members in sickness and in distress."



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## PATRIARCHS MILITANT.

During the year ending August 20th, 1887, 486 Rituals were issued from this office on the requisitions of the Lieutenant-General. The profit on Rituals, Warrants, Proclamations, Organizations and Tactics amounted to \$587.35, which added to the profit stated on page 10,323, Journal of 1886, \$317.62, and cost of books, etc., on hand, \$402.90, the entire profit is shown as \$1,307.87. Expenses of committee, 1885, \$1,243.58; 1886, \$120; total, \$1,363.58.

## RIDGELY MONUMENT FUND.

August 20th, 1886 (Journal, page 10,315), the statement showed a deficiency of..... \$812 51  
The contributions during the year were—

1886.			
Aug.	30.	Lodge No. 158, Kansas.....	\$1 00
Sept.	13.	Lodge No. 198, New Jersey.....	4 00
Oct.	6.	Lodge No. 233, New York.....	8 40
"	"	Lodge No. 52, Massachusetts.....	1 00
"	"	Lodge No. 82, Maine.....	1 00
"	8.	Grand Lodge of New Zealand.....	12 17
1887.			
Jan.	3.	Lodge No. 252, Kentucky.....	2 65
"	11.	Lodge No. 95, Kansas.....	1 00
"	"	Encampment No. 38, Kansas.....	1 00
Feb.	26.	Lodge No. 976, Pennsylvania.....	1 00
March	8.	Grand Lodge of South Australia.....	24 95
June	6.	Lodge No. 98, Minnesota.....	1 80
"	"	Lodge No. 44, Minnesota.....	1 20
July	11.	Lodge No. 188, New Jersey.....	1 00
Aug.	11.	Grand Lodge of the German Empire.....	39 65
Total.....			101 82
Deficit August 20th, 1887.....			\$710 69

The expenses incurred in taking care of the monument and surrounding ground amounted to \$38.20.

The suggestion in report of last year (page 10,315) "that the Committee on Finance, in their annual estimate of expenditures, include a sufficient amount for the care of the monuments and their surroundings," is respectfully renewed.

## ANNUAL RETURNS.

The reports of Grand Bodies were generally received within the time limited by law; indeed, it is believed the returns reached this office much earlier than in any preceding year.

With a few exceptions, the reports of Subordinates under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge came to hand early in the year, and were generally found correct. Some of these reports, from distant places, are models of neatness and accuracy.

## DEGREE LODGES OF THE DAUGHTERS OF REBEKAH.

Of the 54 Subordinate Grand Lodges it is understood that 46 of them have Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah under their jurisdiction. By referring to the tables accompanying this report it will be seen that 7 of the Grand Lodges, viz., Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, North Carolina, Ontario, South Carolina and Virginia, did not furnish Rebekah reports for the year 1886. We are advised that there are no Rebekah Lodges in the following 8 juris-

dictions: British Columbia, Chile, Florida, Manitoba, Mississippi, Quebec, Switzerland and Utah.

The returns received exhibit 1,345 Lodges, increase, 98; members, Brothers, 33,333, increase, 4,424; Sisters, 33,958, increase, 4,842; receipts, \$83,624.32, increase, \$11,699.51; assets, \$156,292.69, increase, \$14,323.54.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

SWEDEN, EUROPE.—After the foregoing matter was in type, a letter came to hand August 22d from Bro. ANDREAS HOLCK, D. D. Grand Sire, enclosing a petition, with the Cards of 5 Brothers, for a Lodge at Trelleborg, Sweden, to be entitled Veritas, No. 2. Bro. HOLCK wrote: "This is a very promising Lodge, and will be composed of the best citizens. They will have at least 30 members at once. They are building a nice hall and will have it entirely paid for before they occupy it. The Order in Denmark is doing well, although not increasing as fast as in former years, because the country is suffering from the effect of hard times." The Warrant, books, etc., for the Lodge were promptly forwarded.

CUBA.—The mail of August 22d brought a letter from Bro. JULIO CÆSAR MARTINEZ, dated August 17th, asking for authority to translate and print the Digest in the Spanish language. He was informed that his application arrived so late that no action would be taken in the matter until after the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

#### OBITUARY.

WILLIAM W. MOORE, Past Grand Sire, died at his residence, in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, on Thursday, the 23d day of December, 1886, aged 84 years. The funeral was on Saturday, December 25th. Bro. MOORE was the eleventh Grand Sire, serving with marked ability from 1851 to 1853, and was ever a useful member of the Order. Grand Secretary RIDGELY had a high estimate of the abilities of Bro. MOORE, and was accustomed to consult him on nearly all important matters connected with Odd Fellowship. On pages 321 to 327 of the "History of American Odd Fellowship," there is an interesting article on the revision of 1845, from the pen of Bro. MOORE, detailing the proceedings of the Special Committee and the Grand Lodge of the United States on the subject. Bro. MOORE is recognized as the author of the Royal Blue and Royal Purple Degrees, and Bros. MOORE and RIDGELY as the authors of the Initiatory Degree. The revision of the entire work of the Order, contained in a pamphlet of eighty-six octavo pages, was printed under the supervision of Bro. MOORE, and submitted to the Grand Lodge of the United States, at a special session, September 9th, 1845.

There are probably few of the present members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge who enjoyed the acquaintance of the deceased; very few who knew him as he was; a kind, true-hearted, hard-working Odd Fellow in the days when the Order numbered 33 Grand, 2,941 Subordinate Lodges, 193,000 members, 28 Grand and 541 Subordinate Encampments, with less than 22,000 members. This was the condition when our Brother made his final report and retired from the chair at the opening of the session in Philadelphia, September 5th, 1853. In the report referred to, his final admonition was: "I trust that our Brethren, one and all, whilst wisely acknowledging the great law that went forth from Everlasting, the law of a continued march from excellence to perfection, may never mistake innovation for improvement, never regard mere change as reform, but be ever content with that true and safe progress which keeps its eye upon the future and its foot upon the past."

In January, 1886, the Grand Secretary had the pleasure of receiving from Bro. MOORE his photograph, with the following inscription, in his familiar hand, on the back: "WILLIAM W. MOORE, born January 28th, 1803, initiated September, 1832. This photograph taken July, 1882."

#### FINANCIAL.

The following table exhibits the appropriations made at last session, expenditures, etc.:



Appropriations and Expenditures for the year ending August 20th, 1887.

	Appropriated.	Expended.	Unexpended.
Mileage and Per Diem.....	\$24,500 00	\$24,238 84	\$261 16
Daily Journal.....	1,200 00	976 08	223 92
Officers' Reports.....	400 00	337 65	62 35
*Revised Journal.....	4,000 00	4,206 07	.....
Books and Charts.....	5,000 00	3,681 61	1,318 39
Odes, Cards and Diplomas.....	2,000 00	1,648 63	351 37
Salaries.....	5,300 00	5,300 00	.....
Rent, Fuel, etc.....	400 00	385 00	15 00
Incidentals.....	1,000 00	913 01	86 99
Postage on Reports and Journals.....	400 00	392 00	8 00
Committee on Appeals.....	225 00	225 00	.....
Sub-Committee on Finance.....	29 30	29 30	.....
Committee on Printing Supplies.....	55 60	55 60	.....
Grand Sire's Expenses.....	65 00	65 00	.....
Deputy Grand Sire's Assistant.....	30 00	30 00	.....
Committee on Location.....	297 70	297 70	.....
Committee on Revising Rebekah Degree } Ritual.....	62 67	62 67	.....
Committee on Patriarchs Militant Degree..	120 00	120 00	.....
Benj. Scribner, Assistant Messenger.....	35 00	35 00	.....
Chas. J. Tinkom, Assistant Messenger....	25 00	25 00	.....
David Downs, Assistant Guardian.....	25 00	25 00	.....
James Harlow, Janitor, for Expenses } and Labor.....	25 00	25 00	.....
Freight and Cartage to Boston and Return	73 20	73 20	.....
Steps at Monument, Harlem Square.....	375 00	375 00	.....
Ridgely Monument Committee.....	100 00	38 20	61 80
Scania Lodge, No. 1, Sweden, Dues Re- } funded.....	34 45	34 45	.....
Deming Lodge, No. 6, New Mexico, for } Books burned.....	12 50	12 50	.....
†Portrait of H. F. Garey, P. G. Sire.....	300 00	.....	300 00
	\$46,090 42	\$43,607 51	\$2,688 98

The following have also been paid:

Care of Wildey Monument, one year.....	50 00	.....
J. R. Harris, D. D. Grand Sire, Indian Ter., Expenses..	10 00	.....
Safe Deposit Co., Rent of Box and Insurance of Bonds.	59 15	.....
Expenses of Removal of Office to Columbus, Ohio.....	696 37	.....
Insurance on Furniture, Books, etc., in Columbus.....	147 00	.....
Freight on Books, etc., to Denver, Colorado.....	69 00	.....
Total amount of Warrants on Grand Treasurer...	\$44,639 03	.....

\* Exceeded appropriation, \$206.07. † Paid since August 20th, 1887.

Appropriated, pp. 10,407, 10,443.....	\$100 00
“ “ 10,490, 10,641.....	12 50
“ “ 10,529, 10,662.....	34 45
“ “ 10,531, 10,662.....	\$45,950 34
Less.....	306 87
	45,643 47
“ p. 10,654.....	300 00
	\$46,090 42

The following tables indicate the sources of receipts of money during the year, amounting to \$48,161.63. The vouchers of the Grand Treasurer for the same were presented to the Sub-Committee on Finance.

RECEIPTS, August 21st, 1886, to August 20th, 1887.

GRAND LODGES.	Balances, Aug. 21st, 1886.	Supplies.	Repre- sentative Tax.	Total.
Alabama.....	\$150 00	\$135 90	\$150 00	\$435 90
Arizona.....	75 00	52 63	75 00	202 63
Arkansas.....		190 60	150 00	340 60
Australasia .....	120 01			120 01
British Columbia.....		139 53		139 53
California.....		1,718 00	150 00	1,868 00
Colorado.....		280 25	150 00	430 25
Connecticut.....		482 80	150 00	632 80
Dakota .....		337 00	150 00	487 00
Delaware.....		58 75	150 00	208 75
Denmark.....				
District of Columbia.....		39 90	150 00	189 90
Florida.....	75 00	91 85	75 00	241 85
Georgia .....		201 27	150 00	351 27
Idaho.....		88 50		88 50
Illinois .....		1,778 50	150 00	1,928 50
Indiana.....		1,793 25	150 00	1,943 25
Iowa .....		1,194 00	150 00	1,344 00
Kansas .....		1,625 00	150 00	1,775 00
Kentucky.....	150 00	227 50		377 50
Louisiana .....		51 00	75 00	126 00
Lower Provinces, B. N. A.....		112 50	150 00	262 50
Maine .....		748 50	150 00	898 50
Manitoba.....	75 00	65 15		140 15
Maryland.....		170 05	150 00	320 05
Massachusetts.....		1,537 00	150 00	1,687 00
Michigan .....		1,016 00	150 00	1,166 00
Minnesota.....		675 00	150 00	825 00
Mississippi.....	75 00	13 20	75 00	163 20
Missouri.....		830 00	150 00	980 00
Montana.....		127 50	225 00	352 50
Nebraska .....		629 20	150 00	779 20
Nevada.....		104 50	150 00	254 50
New Hampshire.....		882 00	150 00	1,032 00
New Jersey.....		710 00	150 00	860 00
New York.....		2,005 20	150 00	2,155 20
North Carolina.....		35 20	150 00	185 20
Ohio .....		2,054 00	150 00	2,204 00
Ontario. ....	47 50	344 15	150 00	541 65
Oregon. ....		386 00	150 00	536 00
Pennsylvania.....		2,054 50	150 00	2,204 50
Quebec.....	75 00	51 90		126 90
Rhode Island.....		452 00	150 00	602 00
South Australia.....	1 50			1 50
South Carolina.....		51 80	75 00	126 80
Tennessee.....		132 00	150 00	282 00
Texas.....		167 25	150 00	317 25
Utah.....		22 88	75 00	97 88
Vermont.....	150 00	222 75	150 00	522 75
Virginia.....		178 10	150 00	328 10
Washington .....		287 50	150 00	437 50
West Virginia.....		213 20	150 00	363 20
Wisconsin .....		554 40	150 00	704 40
Wyoming.....		95 30	75 00	170 30
	\$994 01	\$27,414 96	\$6,450 00	\$34,858 97



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RECEIPTS, August 21st, 1886, to August 20th, 1887.—Continued.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Balances Aug. 21st, 1886.	Charter and Sup- plies.	Repre- sentative Tax.	Total.
Alabama .....	\$75 00	.....	\$75 00	\$150 00
Arkansas.....	75 00	\$30 00	.....	105 00
California.....	.....	100 00	150 00	250 00
Colorado.....	.....	38 60	75 00	113 60
Connecticut.....	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
Dakota .....	.....	112 60	75 00	187 60
Delaware.....	.....	8 08	.....	8 08
District of Columbia.....	.....	49 40	75 00	124 40
Florida.....	72 38	2 62	.....	75 00
Georgia.....	.....	12 63	75 00	87 63
Illinois .....	.....	125 68	150 00	275 68
Indiana.....	.....	137 00	150 00	287 00
Iowa.....	.....	172 00	150 00	322 00
Kansas .....	.....	201 50	150 00	351 50
Kentucky.....	150 00	7 00	.....	157 00
Louisiana.....	.....	14 00	75 00	89 00
Maine .....	.....	34 00	150 00	184 00
Maryland .....	.....	4 50	150 00	154 50
Massachusetts.....	.....	316 25	150 00	466 25
Michigan .....	.....	60 50	150 00	210 50
Minnesota.....	.....	50 00	150 00	200 00
Mississippi .....	75 00	6 00	75 00	156 00
Missouri.....	.....	43 00	150 00	193 00
Montana .....	.....	24 00	75 00	99 00
Nebraska .....	.....	47 36	75 00	122 36
Nevada .....	.....	12 00	75 00	87 00
New Hampshire.....	.....	175 00	150 00	325 00
New Jersey.....	.....	20 00	150 00	170 00
New York.....	.....	84 00	150 00	234 00
North Carolina.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Ohio .....	.....	189 00	150 00	339 00
Ontario .....	.....	42 00	150 00	192 00
Oregon .....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Pennsylvania .....	.....	130 00	150 00	280 00
Rhode Island.....	.....	6 00	150 00	156 00
South Carolina.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tennessee.....	.....	16 00	75 00	91 00
Texas.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Utah .....	.....	30 00	.....	30 00
Vermont .....	.....	21 00	75 00	96 00
Virginia .....	.....	3 00	75 00	78 00
Washington.....	.....	28 00	75 00	103 00
West Virginia.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Wisconsin .....	.....	21 60	150 00	171 60
Wyoming.....	.....	18 00	75 00	93 00
	\$447 38	\$2,392 32	\$4,425 00	\$7,264 70

RECEIPTS, August 21st, 1886, to August 20th, 1887.—Continued.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.		Balances Aug. 21st, 1886.	Charters and Sup- plies.	Dues.	Total.
ALBERTA, CANADA.					
Alberta .....	No. 1		\$11 25	\$33 42	\$44 67
CUBA.					
Porvenir .....	No. 1			33 55	33 55
Fraternidad Universal.....	" 2		10 20	35 80	46 00
Cuba.....	" 3	\$10 50	34 00	36 95	81 45
Havana.....	" 4	14 00		21 50	35 50
America .....	" 5			17 55	17 55
Regla .....	" 6		27 50	11 00	38 50
Hijos del Trabajo.....	" 7		40 00		40 00
FRANCE, EUROPE.					
Concorde .....	No. 1		30 00		30 00
INDIAN TERRITORY.					
Caddo.....	No. 1			3 42	3 42
Pocahontas.....	" 2		10 50	29 75	40 25
Cyclone.....	" 3		9 00	48 45	57 45
Tahlequah .....	" 4	2 00	3 00	23 32	28 32
Atoka.....	" 5		7 50	28 50	36 00
MEXICO.					
Ridgely .....	No. 1		20 37	82 09	102 46
Juarez.....	" 2		4 00	8 74	12 74
NETHERLANDS, EUROPE.					
Paradise.....	No. 1			13 67	13 67
Mount Sinai.....	" 2			22 33	22 33
NEW MEXICO.					
Albuquerque.....	No. 1			21 13	21 13
Paradise.....	" 2			5 17	5 17
Aztlán.....	" 3		75	14 03	14 78
Las Vegas.....	" 4			24 01	24 01
San Vicente.....	" 5		6 35	35 20	41 55
Deming.....	" 6	17 18	92	19 20	37 30
Gem City.....	" 7		1 00	36 82	37 82
Raton .....	" 8		11 00	23 95	34 95
The Percha.....	" 9		62 15		62 15
Fidelity .....	" 10		30 00		30 00
PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.					
Lima .....	No. 1		90	10 99	11 89
Fortschritt.....	" 3			31 99	31 99
Chalaco.....	" 4		5 00	5 64	10 64
SANDWICH ISLANDS.					
Excelsior .....	No. 1		25 00	65 27	90 27
Harmony .....	" 3		21 00	54 80	75 80
Sundry Subordinate Lodges.....			45 14		45 14
Independence D. L., D. of R., Ind. Ter			30 00		30 00
Naomi D. L., D. of R., New Mexico...			30 00		30 00
		\$43 68	\$476 53	\$798 24	\$1,318 45



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RECEIPTS, August 21st, 1886, to August 20th, 1887—Continued.

SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS, CANTONS, AND INDIVIDUALS.	Balances Aug. 21st, 1886.	Charters and Sup- plies.	Dues.	Total.
ALBERTA, CANADA.				
Alberta .....No. 1 .....		\$30 00 .....		\$30 00
ARIZONA.				
Granite.....No. 1 .....		4 00 .....	\$8 70	12 70
Floral....." 2 .....		30 00 .....		30 00
BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA.				
Nanaimo .....No. 4 .....	\$22 00			22 00
DENMARK, EUROPE.				
Valdemar .....No. 1 .....				
Knud Lavard....." 2 .....				
Niels Ebbesens....." 3 .....				
Skjalm Hoides....." 4 .....				
IDAHO.				
Idaho.....No. 1 .....			7 25	7 25
INDIAN TERRITORY.				
Ridgely.....No. 1 .....			6 95	6 95
Push-ma-ta-ha ..... " 2 .....			3 50	3 50
LOWER PROVINCES, B. N. A.				
Stuart.....No. 10 .....			75	75
Milicete....." 11 .....			5 50	5 50
Halifax ..... " 12 .....			4 83	4 83
Port La Joie ..... " 13 .....			1 81	1 81
Belvedere....." 14 .....			2 23	2 23
MANITOBA, CANADA.				
Harmony .....No. 1 .....			10 50	10 50
La Prairie ..... " 2 .....			2 90	2 90
Eureka....." 3 .....			11 28	11 28
NEW MEXICO.				
James L. Ridgely.....No. 1 .....			95	95
Las Vegas....." 2 .....		3 00 .....	11 68	14 68
Centennial....." 3 .....			1 55	1 55
Albuquerque....." 4 .....		30 00 .....	14 35	44 35
PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.				
Atahualpa.....No. 1 .....			1 74	1 74
SANDWICH ISLANDS.				
Polynesia.....No. 1 .....		9 00 .....	19 84	28 84
UTAH.				
Wasatch.....No. 3 .....		30 00 .....		30 00
Sundry Encampments.....	\$22 00	\$136 00	\$116 31	\$274 31
		10 00 .....		10 00
Sundry Cantons.....	\$22 00	\$146 00	\$116 31	\$284 31
Sundry Individuals.....	15 80	1,113 00		1,128 80
		655 85 .....		655 85
	\$37 80	\$1,914 85	\$116 31	\$2,068 96

## RECAPITULATED.

Receipts from Grand Lodges.....	\$34,858 97
"    Grand Encampments.....	7,264 70
"    Subordinate Lodges.....	1,318 45
"    Subordinate Encampments.....	284 31
"    Cantons of Patriarchs Militant .....	1,128 80
"    Individuals .....	655 85
Ordinary revenue .....	\$45,511 08
Interest on United States bonds .....	2,498 48
Old Electrotpe plates sold .....	50 25
Total revenue.....	\$48,059 81
Contributions to Ridgely Monument Fund.....	101 82
Total cash paid to Grand Treasurer.....	\$48,161 63
Ordinary revenue .....	\$45,511 08
Balances (Dr. \$1,700.48, Cr. \$100.84) .....	1,599 64
	\$47,110 72
Amount August 20th, 1886, per Journal, page 10,331 .....	40,189 47
Increase for year, August 21st, 1886, to August 20th, 1887....	\$6,921 25
It will be observed that the cash received for Supplies, Dues, Representative tax and Charter fees exceeded, by \$7,264 14, the amount received the preceding year, and the net balances are \$342.89 less than the amount reported a year ago. The debit balances in 1886 amounted to \$2,044.57; in 1887 to \$1,700.48.	
The orders for supplies, filled during the year, numbered 802, being 12 more than in the preceding year. The balance sheet, accompanying this report, exhibits a net profit of \$2,843.22 on the business of the year, the details of which are as follows:	
Net profit on books.....	\$10,874 92
"    "    "    Visiting and Withdrawal Cards.....	\$12,754 76
"    "    "    Rebekah Cards.....	785 55
"    "    "    Widows' Cards.....	9 14
"    "    "    Dismissal Certificates.....	679 91
	14,229 36
"    "    "    Encampment and Lodge Charts.....	585 50
"    "    "    Lodge, Rebekah, etc., Odes.....	1,362 28
"    "    "    Diplomas.....	\$699 29
"    "    "    Rebekah Certificates.....	1 35
	700 64
Total for supplies.....	\$27,752 70
Interest.....	\$2,498 48
Representative tax.....	11,850 00
Dues of Subordinates.....	984 19
Charter fees.....	184 00
Cantons of Patriarchs Militant.....	30 00
	15,546 67
Contributions to Ridgely Monument Fund.....	\$101 82
Less expended .....	38 20
	63 62
Total .....	\$43,362 99
Less annual expenses (including removal of office).....	\$7,598 99
Sixty-second annual session.....	32,824 41
Care of Wildey Monument.....	50 00
Sundry accounts closed.....	46 37
	40,519 77
Net profit.....	\$2,843 22



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The assets of the Sovereign Grand Lodge amount to \$118,130.06, and consist of:

Cash in hands of Grand Treasurer.....	\$25,819 06
United States bonds.....	55,800 00
Steel and electro plates.....	10,418 75
Library, cost of binding volumes.....	1,018 38
Grand Lodge building in Baltimore, cost.....	4,781 32
Supplies at cost.....	10,325 35
Balances due, \$1,700.48, less credit balances, \$100.84.....	1,599 64
Paintings and furniture.....	8,367 56

\$118,130 06

Amount August 20th, 1886 (Journal, page 10,332)..... 115,286 84

Increase ..... \$2,843 22

EXPENSES OF ANNUAL SESSIONS.

The amount placed to the account of "Annual Session" includes the mileage and per diem, Officers' Reports, Daily and Revised Journals, postage, bound volumes to Representatives, expressage and postage on Revised Journals to officers and members and all special appropriations made at the session. Until 1874 (when the books of account were opened on the double-entry system), the aggregate of the several expense accounts was not exhibited. The balance sheets submitted for the years 1874 to 1887, inclusive, show the expenses of annual sessions as follows:

Session of 1873, \$25,545.21; 1874, \$29,771.69; 1875, \$28,312.06; 1876, \$30,244 35; 1877, \$26,943.00; 1878, \$20,976.98; 1879, \$20,566.87; 1880, \$27,427.89; 1881, \$22,313.77; 1882, \$27,642.47; 1883, \$29,251.59; 1884, \$29,961.73; 1885, \$31,136.50; 1886, \$32,824.41.

GENERAL RETURNS.

The subjoined table exhibits the condition of the Order at the close of the year 1886, with the addition of Subordinate Bodies instituted in 1887, previous to August 20th, contrasted with the returns of the preceding year. The Grand Jurisdictions of Australasia and Germany are not included.

RETURNS FOR THE YEARS 1885 AND 1886.

	Dec. 31st, 1885.	Dec. 31st, 1886.	Increase.
Grand Lodges.....	54	54	.....
Grand Encampments.....	44	44	.....
Subordinate Lodges.....	7,956	8,109	153
Subordinate Encampments.....	1,947	1,996	49
Rebekah Degree Lodges.....	1,247	1,345	98
Lodge initiations.....	36,340	44,906	8,566
Encampment initiations.....	7,165	9,637	2,472
Lodge members.....	517,310	530,300	12,990
Encampment members.....	94,376	97,773	3,397
Rebekah D. L. members.....	58,025	67,291	9,266
Relief by Lodges.....	\$1,960,418 00	\$2,002,418 77	\$42,000 77
Relief by Encampments.....	205,620 24	208,614 92	2,994 68
Relief by Rebekah Lodges.....	14,863 69	16,290 81	1,427 12
Total relief.....	2,180,901 93	2,227,324 50	46,422 57
Revenue of Lodges.....	4,764,111 96	5,079,880 00	315,768 04
Revenue of Encampments.....	473,652 00	496,268 05	22,616 05
Revenue of Rebekah Lodges...	71,924 81	83,624 32	11,699 51
Total revenue.....	5,309,688 77	5,659,772 37	350,083 60

The annual reports show that from 1873, when the first reports on the subject were made, to 1886, inclusive, 3,613,448 weeks' benefits have been paid by Lodges, increasing from 115,289 in 1873 to 360,817 in 1886. For several years after 1873, some of the Grand Bodies failed to furnish this information, but in recent years all, or nearly all, have reported the item.

The following statements embrace the statistics compiled from returns to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and, so far as the information could be obtained, from Bodies reporting to the Grand Lodges of Australasia and Germany:

STATISTICS OF THE ORDER FROM 1830 TO DECEMBER 31st, 1886.

Initiations in Subordinate Lodges.....	1,460,459
Members relieved.....	1,265,268
Widowed families relieved.....	163,573
Members deceased.....	124,060
Total relief.....	\$43,589,061 87
Total receipts .....	115,014,145 25

CONDITION OF THE ORDER DECEMBER 31st, 1886.

Sovereign Grand Lodge.....	1
Independent Grand Lodges (German Empire and Australasia).....	2
Subordinate Grand Encampments.....	47
Subordinate Encampments.....	2,016
Subordinate Grand Lodges.....	65
Subordinate Lodges .....	8,334
Encampment members.....	100,223
Lodge members.....	547,856

CONCLUSION.

In concluding this report, it is indeed gratifying to be able to point to such a splendid record of the labors of our Brethren generally during the last year, as the figures presented unmistakably indicate. The results attained must astonish the most sanguine of our membership, as, considering the unsettled condition of business affairs throughout the country, the continued clashing of labor and capital, and the lack of employment occasioned thereby, the most ardent and zealous Odd Fellow had grave fears of the effect of the "labor troubles" on the membership in the year 1886. But, happily, the apprehensions were not realized, and it has been clearly demonstrated that the Brethren have been true to themselves and to the noble Order they connected themselves with, during the serious trials through which they were compelled to pass. The number of members lost by reason of non-payment of dues in 1886 was 30,085, whilst in 1885 it was 32,555, a difference of 2,470. The net increase of 12,990 in membership is greater than in any year since 1882, when a gain of 18,050 was reported, and exceeds by 11,910 the increase in 1885. Whether this unexpected result is to be attributed, as some assert, to the Patriarchs Militant organization, is a question upon which members differ. Brethren in positions to know whereof they speak, maintain that in their jurisdictions, the influence of the display element of the Order has been of great benefit to the Encampments, and if the higher Bodies increase in membership, it is evident that the Subordinate Lodges must also feel the effects; in fact be the first to reap the fruits of any new enterprise.

The feeling seems to be growing that the time has arrived when suitable provision should be made for the care of aged and indigent members of the Order, in their declining years, and for widows and orphans left destitute by the removal by death of their dependence for support. In several States organizations of this truly benevolent character are in successful operation, and



in other jurisdictions projects for "Homes" have assumed definite shape, promising encouraging results in the near future in this important field of labor. Certainly no worthier object than the relief of the helpless in the hour of need can enlist the attention and the energies of the members of an institution organized for the aid of the afflicted and distressed, the protection of the widow and orphan, and efforts in this direction demonstrate that the well-known words—

"Failing not when life has perished,  
Living still beyond the tomb,"

are not meaningless professions. In view of the movements referred to, it is hoped that future reports from Grand Bodies will show a grand work accomplished in the direction indicated.

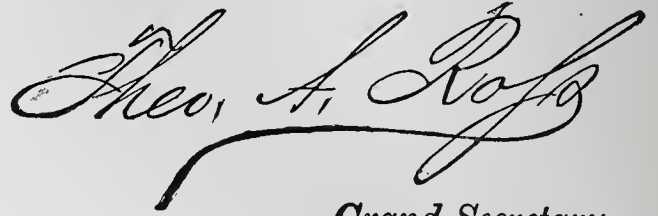
On account of the liberal system of public and free education existing generally in this country, there appears to be no necessity for establishing schools and colleges in connection with the Order, therefore, as heretofore stated in this report, very little information on this subject has been obtained. It must, however, be said to the credit of Odd Fellowship, that as long ago as 1846 "a general plan of education for the children of deceased Odd Fellows," etc., was suggested by Union Lodge, No. 13, Mobile, Alabama, and the Brethren offered to contribute to the object. At various times subsequently, the subject was brought before the Grand Lodge of the United States, but no definite action was taken further than to remit the matter to the consideration of State Grand Bodies. In 1853 the "Odd Fellows' Female Collegiate Institute," in Tennessee, was highly recommended to the favorable consideration of the Brotherhood, and in 1855 "Martha Washington College," Virginia, "designed especially for the education of the female orphans of our Brethren," was earnestly commended as a praiseworthy "effort in behalf of the most unprotected and helpless class upon whom the charities of our Order are bestowed." Many other instances might be mentioned to show that from the beginning of Odd Fellowship in this country, the liveliest interest in the subject of education has been manifested by the votaries of the Order.

For the second time in its history the Sovereign Body has journeyed west of the Mississippi, the "great and long river," the "father of waters." In this splendid "Queen City of the Plains" only a few years ago the red men of the wilderness and the wild animals of the desert held undisputed sway. In 1860 the entire population of Colorado was 34,000, in 1870 about 40,000 white and 7,000 Indians, etc. Denver, resting within the shadow of the eternal snow-capped peaks of the Rocky Mountains, in which the Sovereign Grand Lodge has this year met in annual session, was settled in 1858, and in 1860, (only 27 years ago,) numbered 4,700 inhabitants. In 1880, there were 30,000, and now we behold a magnificent city of 85,000 people; streets lined with elegant and massive buildings that will favorably compare with the structures that ornament the old cities of the East that boast of their existence for more than a century.

With the onward march of improvement manifest in the State, Odd Fellowship has kept pace. We find that the Charter of Union Lodge, No. 1, Denver, was issued on the 6th day of July, 1864, to 5 Brothers of the Order, and Colorado Encampment, No. 1, and Denver Encampment, No. 2, were instituted in 1867, and, from such a small beginning, in less than a quarter of a century the Grand Jurisdiction of Colorado reports 60 Lodges, 3,448 members and 25 Encampments with 850 members. That the command of the Order is religiously obeyed is evidenced by the annual contribution of \$15,000 for relief, while the revenue of Subordinates amounts to \$47,000. And the Brethren, not to be outdone by any other jurisdiction, have organized Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah and Cantons of Patriarchs Militant that are in successful operation.

It is hoped that this session will prove pleasant to all who have the privilege of being here to enjoy the hospitalities of our Colorado Brethren in their grand country, and that the legislation of the assembled Representatives will redound to the interest of the Brethren generally, and hasten the time when the Order shall encircle the earth with its golden chain and spread its blessings upon millions, instead of thousands, of the people of all nations, climes and tongues.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Theo. A. Roff". The signature is written in dark ink and features a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

*Grand Secretary.*

Columbus, Ohio, September, 1887.



## TABLES ACCOMPANYING REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

STATEMENT OF SUPPLIES *on hand August 20th, 1886, received and disposed of during the year, and on hand August 20th, 1887.*

	On hand August 20th, 1886, per Journal, p. 10,335.	Received during the year.	Total.	Disposed of dur- ing the year.	On hand August 20th, 1887.
Grand Lodge Books.....	231	.....	231	6	225
Grand Encampment Books.....	236	.....	236	6	230
Encampment Institution Books.....	220	.....	220	11	209
*Encampment Charge Books.....	548	518	1,066	410	656
Encampment Charts (2,000 not mounted)	2,831	.....	2,831	75	2,756
Patriarchs Militant Rituals.....	717	.....	717	486	231
Patriarchs Militant Tactics.....	1	50	51	33	18
Patriarchs Militant Organizations.....	654	.....	654	24	630
Uniformed Degree Camp Rituals.....	97	.....	97	.....	97
Uniformed Degree Camp Charters.....	141	.....	141	.....	141
*Lodge Institution Books.....	569	.....	569	24	545
Lodge Public Installation Books (Ger.)..	118	.....	118	.....	118
Lodge Charge Books (1880).....	180	.....	180	100	80
Degree Charge Books (1880).....	24	.....	24	.....	24
Degree Lodge Installation Books.....	79	.....	79	2	77
Question Books.....	45	.....	45	19	26
†Lodge Rituals.....	1,210	2,074	3,284	1,855	1,429
Degree Charts (3,000 not mounted).....	3,560	.....	3,560	323	3,237
*Rebekah Degree Lodge Installation Books	584	.....	584	12	572
*Rebekah Degree Books.....	541	415	956	256	700
*Rituals, Rebekah Degree Lodge.....	.....	4,066	4,066	3,638	428
‡Subordinate and Rebekah Odes.....	19,870	37,000	56,870	32,098	24,772
Book of Odes with Music.....	257	518	775	459	316
Encampment Book of Odes.....	3,048	.....	3,048	1,921	1,127
Visiting and Withdrawal Cards.....	13,159	68,000	81,159	69,148	12,011
Rebekah Visiting and Withdrawal Cards	2,045	3,000	5,045	4,140	905
Wife or Widows' Cards.....	262	.....	262	53	209
Dismissal Certificates.....	975	6,100	7,075	3,503	3,572
Petitions for Membership.....	21,267	.....	21,267	1,200	20,067
Rebekah Certificates.....	471	.....	471	21	450
*Diplomas.....	1,051	2,060	3,111	1,844	1,267
Book of Forms.....	139	1,029	1,168	613	555
Anniversary Ceremony.....	539	.....	539	303	236
*Funeral Ceremony.....	672	1,540	2,212	1,769	443
‡Bound Journals.....	1,951	515	2,466	640	1,826
Digests to 1884.....	187	548	735	633	102
Additions to Digest, Legislation of 1882	2,149	.....	2,149	.....	2,149
Additions to Digest, 1882-1884.....	3,871	.....	3,871	24	3,847
Additions to Digest, 1871-1874.....	441	.....	441	.....	441
Digests to 1874.....	321	.....	321	.....	321

\* English and German. † English, German, French, Spanish, Bohemian and Norwegian. ‡ Subordinate Odes—English, German, French, Spanish and Norwegian; Rebekah Odes—English and German. ‡601 Volumes to Grand Representatives.

DISTRIBUTION OF NEW REBEKAH DEGREE LODGE RITUALS, AND CERTIFICATES  
OF OLD BOOKS DESTROYED.

The following is a statement of the revised Rebekah Degree Lodge Rituals issued, and old books destroyed, as certified to this office:

	New issued.	Old destroyed.
Alabama .....	30	20
Arizona .....	7	7
Arkansas .....	18	12
British Columbia.....	8	.....
California .....	310	191
Colorado .....	10	.....
Connecticut.....	62	45
Dakota .....	9	5
Delaware .....	5	5
Denmark .....	1	.....
District of Columbia.....	8	8
Georgia .....	5	5
Idaho .....	4	4
Illinois .....	299	264
Indiana .....	337	262
Iowa.....	203	203
Kansas .....	239	196
Kentucky .....	30	28
Lower Provinces.....	6	4
Maine .....	75	75
Maryland .....	9	.....
Massachusetts.....	190	150
Michigan .....	300	300
Minnesota.....	26	13
Missouri .....	105	104
Montana .....	9	.....
Nebraska.....	38	27
Nevada .....	10	7
New Hampshire .....	120	75
New Jersey.....	50	.....
New York.....	213	159
Ohio.....	340	275
Ontario .....	26	11
Oregon .....	50	40
Pennsylvania.....	104	.....
Rhode Island.....	60	40
Tennessee.....	2	.....
Texas.....	15	.....
Vermont .....	37	24
Virginia .....	4	.....
Washington.....	30	17
West Virginia.....	20	20
Wisconsin .....	196	196
Wyoming.....	12	.....
	3,632	2,792



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LEDGER BALANCES, *August 21st, 1887.*

PAGE.		DR.	CR.
1	Stock .....		\$118,130 06
2	Isaac A. Sheppard, Grand Treasurer .....	\$25,819 06	
20	United States Bonds .....	55,800 00	
22	Grand Lodge Degree Book .....	112 50	
26	Grand Encampment Degree Book .....	71 30	
30	Encampment Institution Book .....	48 07	
34	Encampment Charge Book .....	177 12	
38	Encampment Chart .....	833 60	
42	Patriarchs Militant Ritual .....	231 00	
46	Patriarchs Militant Tactics .....	14 40	
47	Patriarchs Militant Organization .....	157 50	
48	Uniformed Degree Camp Ritual .....	41 10	
48	Uniformed Degree Camp Charter .....	56 40	
49	Lodge Institution Book .....	141 70	
51	Lodge Public Installation Book .....	31 86	
52	Lodge Charge Book .....	20 00	
53	Lodge Degree Book .....	6 00	
54	Degree Lodge Installation Book .....	23 87	
55	Question Book .....	16 34	
56	Lodge Ritual .....	428 70	
62	Degree Chart .....	688 50	
63	Rebekah Lodge, D. of R., Installation Book .....	143 00	
64	Rebekah Degree Book .....	175 00	
66	Rebekah Degree Lodge Ritual .....	115 56	
70	Subordinate and Rebekah Lodge Odes .....	371 58	
76	Book of Odes .....	63 20	
78	Encampment Ode Book .....	78 89	
80	Visiting and Withdrawal Cards .....	210 19	
86	Rebekah Visiting and Withdrawal Cards .....	18 10	
90	Wife or Widows' Card .....	6 27	
91	Dismissal Certificate .....	107 16	
95	Petition for Membership .....	50 17	
96	Rebekah Certificate .....	67 50	
93	Diplomas .....	126 70	
102	Book of Forms .....	166 50	
106	Anniversary Ceremony .....	28 32	
110	Funeral Ceremony .....	44 30	
114	Bound Journal .....	3,834 60	
118	Digest (to 1884) .....	153 00	
122	Digest Additions (Legislation 1882) .....	128 94	
122	Digest Additions (Legislation 1882-4) .....	546 28	
123	Digest Additions (1871-4) .....	148 13	
123	Digest (to 1874) .....	642 00	
153	Electrotype Plates .....	6,461 75	
154	Steel and Copper Plates .....	3,957 00	
155	Furniture and Fixtures .....	8,367 56	
156	Library .....	1,018 38	
157	Grand Lodge Building .....	4,781 32	
209	Grand Lodge of Australasia .....	66 30	
212	Grand Lodge of British Columbia .....	75 00	
220	Grand Lodge of Chile .....	1 83	
240	Grand Lodge of Denmark .....		18 95
256	Grand Lodge of German Empire .....	124 90	

LEDGER BALANCES, *August 21st, 1887.*—Continued.

PAGE.		DR.	CR.
258	Grand Lodge of Idaho.....	\$75 00	.....
292	Grand Lodge of Kentucky.....	150 00	.....
308	Grand Lodge of Manitoba.....	150 00	.....
374	Grand Lodge of New York.....	255 00	.....
393	Grand Lodge of New South Wales.....	2 06	.....
394	Grand Lodge of New Zealand.....	76 87	.....
420	Grand Lodge of Quebec.....	69 93	.....
209	Grand Encampment of Arkansas.....	75 00	.....
248	Grand Encampment of Florida.....	78 60	.....
296	Grand Encampment of Kentucky.....	150 00	.....
428	Grand Encampment of South Carolina.....	225 00	.....
443	Grand Encampment of Utah.....	.....	\$30 00
486	Porvenir Lodge, No. 1, Cuba.....	.....	18 13
486	Fraternidad Universal Lodge, No. 2, Cuba.....	.....	20
488	America Lodge, No. 5, Cuba.....	.....	2 35
488	Regla Lodge, No. 6, Cuba.....	3 25	.....
492	Tahlequah Lodge, No. 4, Indian Territory.....	1 00	.....
496	Ridgely Lodge, No. 1, Mexico.....	8 00	.....
496	Juarez Lodge, No. 2, Mexico.....	.....	11 41
498	Paradise Lodge, No. 1, Netherlands.....	5 68	.....
503	Gem City Lodge, No. 7, New Mexico.....	.....	1 00
520	Valdemar Encampment, No. 1, Denmark.....	.....	13 80
520	Knud Lavard Encampment, No. 2, Denmark....	44 02	.....
521	Niels Ebbesens Encampment, No. 3, Denmark...	9 77	.....
521	Skjalm Hoides Encampment, No. 4, Denmark...	4 52	.....
546	Aztec Uniformed Degree Camp, No. 1, N. Mexico	.....	5 00
591	Diaz Fezano.....	2 50	.....
592	Charles Betz.....	38 25	.....
681	Henry J. Strouse.....	1 50	.....
683	Erie J. Leech.....	4 00	.....
684	The M. C. Lilley & Co.....	2 50	.....
		\$118,230 90	\$118,230 90



BALANCE SHEET. Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, August 20th, 1887.	Page.	Face of the Ledger.		Supplies.		Profit and Loss.		Stock.		Balances.	
		DR.	CR.	DR.	CR.	DR.	CR.	DR.	CR.	DR.	CR.
Stock.....	1		\$115,286 84						\$115,286 84		
Profit and Loss .....	3	\$46 37	30 00			\$46 37	\$30 00				
Cash.....	5	48,161 63									
I. A. Sheppard, Grand Treasurer.....	6	70,458 09	44,639 03							\$25,319 06	
Interest.....	16		2,498 48				2,498 48				
U. S. Bonds.....	20	55,800 00								55,800 00	
Ridgely Monument Fund.....	158	38 20	101 82				63 62				
Willey Monument Fund.....	159	50 00				50 00					
Supplies.....	22-123	18,942 79	36,370 14	\$18,942 79	\$36,370 14						
Electro, Steel and Copper Plates.....	153 & 154	10,469 00	50 25							10,418 75	
Furniture and Library.....	155 & 156	9,385 94								9,385 94	
Grand Lodge Building. ....	157	4,781 32								4,781 32	
Annual Expenses.....	160	7,656 36	57 37			7,598 99					
Sixty-second Annual Session.....	168	33,055 41	231 00			32,824 41					
Representative Tax and Dues.....	174 & 178		12,834 19				12,834 19				
Charters.....	182		184 00				184 00				
Grand & Sub. Bodies and Individuals .....		54,567 53	52,967 89							1,700 48	\$100 84
		\$313,412 64	\$313,412 64								
Supplies per Inventory.											
Profit.....				27,752 70			27,752 70				
		\$46,695 49	\$46,695 49								
Net Gain.....						2,843 22			2,843 22		
Capital.....						\$43,362 99	\$43,362 99				
								\$118,130 06			
								\$118,130 06	\$118,130 06		
Assets.....										\$118,230 90	
Liabilities.....											\$100 84
Net Capital.....											118,130 06
										\$118,230 90	\$118,230 90

ANNUAL REPORT of Grand Lodges to the Sovereign Grand Lodge  
January 1st to

JURISDICTION.	Lodges.	Members Dec. 31, 1885.	ADD.				Total.
			Error in last report.	Initiated.	Admitted by card.	Reinstated.	
Alabama.....	33	1,441	.....	157	29	21	1,648
Arizona.....	6	315	.....	38	12	9	374
Arkansas.....	65	1,722	.....	212	106	45	2,085
British Columbia.....	7	614	.....	101	15	2	732
California.....	303	24,078	.....	1,410	371	173	26,032
Chile.....	5	296	.....	19	.....	.....	315
Colorado.....	60	3,338	.....	321	138	67	3,864
Connecticut.....	59	9,385	.....	988	53	26	10,452
Dakota.....	87	2,955	3	667	248	63	3,936
Delaware.....	32	2,434	.....	117	2	5	2,558
Denmark.....	21	1,900	.....	140	23	13	2,076
District of Columbia.....	15	1,862	.....	92	16	12	1,982
Florida.....	20	557	.....	37	21	11	626
Georgia.....	49	1,958	.....	265	64	47	2,334
Idaho.....	17	435	3	117	65	4	624
Illinois.....	669	31,352	.....	3,740	801	711	36,604
Indiana.....	552	24,915	.....	2,460	512	468	28,355
Iowa.....	465	21,717	194	1,697	455	283	24,346
Kansas.....	305	11,964	.....	1,433	931	121	14,449
Kentucky.....	168	6,907	.....	377	71	68	7,423
Louisiana.....	20	726	.....	153	15	13	907
Lower Provinces, B. N. A.....	40	2,275	2	214	18	42	2,551
Maine.....	112	15,220	.....	1,150	86	66	16,522
Manitoba.....	13	720	.....	301	56	5	1,082
Maryland.....	107	9,381	.....	179	5	47	9,612
Massachusetts.....	179	31,218	.....	2,403	164	92	33,877
Michigan.....	367	17,224	.....	1,695	368	403	19,690
Minnesota.....	107	6,037	47	747	278	76	7,185
Mississippi.....	28	966	.....	75	17	29	1,087
Missouri.....	376	15,012	.....	965	373	259	16,599
Montana.....	22	822	.....	230	110	8	1,170
Nebraska.....	136	5,160	25	576	379	85	6,225
Nevada.....	26	1,483	.....	83	21	17	1,604
New Hampshire.....	73	9,195	.....	530	47	35	9,807
New Jersey.....	206	17,747	.....	1,848	153	126	19,874
New York.....	514	42,406	.....	4,461	606	401	47,874
North Carolina.....	36	1,208	.....	115	14	52	1,389
Ohio.....	676	48,545	.....	3,375	844	591	53,355
Ontario.....	210	14,506	.....	1,521	140	137	16,304
Oregon.....	82	3,442	.....	344	121	39	3,946
Pennsylvania.....	932	80,824	.....	5,787	564	565	87,740
Quebec.....	13	739	.....	86	2	14	841
Rhode Island.....	45	5,292	.....	446	35	33	5,806
South Carolina.....	16	581	.....	58	4	14	657
Switzerland.....	5	170	.....	12	6	.....	188
Tennessee.....	125	3,347	.....	331	68	70	3,816
Texas.....	170	4,558	.....	443	238	191	5,430
Utah.....	8	493	.....	34	16	6	549
Vermont.....	31	2,008	1	223	50	19	2,301
Virginia.....	55	3,340	.....	304	29	42	3,715
Washington.....	44	1,609	9	235	136	6	1,995
West Virginia.....	80	3,729	.....	264	33	56	4,082
Wisconsin.....	300	15,594	.....	812	171	175	16,752
Wyoming.....	12	495	6	46	10	8	565
	8,076	516,207	290	44,434	9,110	5,871	575,912



# 1887. SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F. 10,813

of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from  
December 31st, 1886.

JURISDICTION.	DEDUCT.						Members Dec. 31, 1886.
	Error in last report.	Withdr'wn by card.	Suspended or dropped.	Expelled.	Deceased.	Total.	
Alabama.....		26	99	1	15	141	1,507
Arizona.....		13	31	1	3	48	326
Arkansas.....	214	82	169	11	17	493	1,592
British Columbia.....		8	18	.....	6	32	700
California.....		338	991	41	287	1,657	24,375
Chile.....		6	43	1	2	52	263
Colorado.....		112	272	9	23	416	3,448
Connecticut.....		63	200	4	78	345	10,107
Dakota.....	26	131	277	21	19	474	3,462
Delaware.....		4	84	.....	39	127	2,431
Denmark.....		57	78	6	12	153	1,923
District of Columbia.....	222	17	96	.....	27	362	1,620
Florida.....	1	13	52	.....	5	71	555
Georgia.....		54	208	5	29	296	2,038
Idaho.....	30	20	20	5	2	77	547
Illinois.....		1,144	3,123	146	385	4,798	31,806
Indiana.....		516	1,264	52	253	2,085	26,270
Iowa.....	352	615	1,685	82	151	2,885	21,461
Kansas.....		528	900	27	109	1,564	12,885
Kentucky.....	2	87	289	29	68	475	6,948
Louisiana.....		17	115	2	22	156	751
Lower Provinces, B. N. A.....	10	53	162	6	17	248	2,303
Maine.....		111	229	3	138	481	16,041
Manitoba.....		34	38	.....	5	77	1,005
Maryland.....		28	344	1	187	560	9,052
Massachusetts.....		190	570	15	343	1,118	32,759
Michigan.....		534	1,688	27	139	2,388	17,302
Minnesota.....		234	408	25	47	714	6,471
Mississippi.....		13	98	.....	20	131	956
Missouri.....		367	875	44	159	1,445	15,154
Montana.....		30	77	3	.....	110	1,060
Nebraska.....		203	362	18	32	615	5,610
Nevada.....		45	93	4	29	171	1,433
New Hampshire.....		60	161	3	100	324	9,483
New Jersey.....		141	705	22	231	1,099	18,775
New York.....		695	2,333	31	624	3,683	44,191
North Carolina.....		19	186	3	12	220	1,169
Ohio.....		923	2,584	70	511	4,088	49,267
Ontario.....	7	212	1,127	9	93	1,448	14,856
Oregon.....		63	290	8	25	386	3,560
Pennsylvania.....		687	4,552	59	962	6,260	81,480
Quebec.....		16	47	.....	5	68	773
Rhode Island.....		47	160	2	58	267	5,539
South Carolina.....		9	26	2	9	46	611
Switzerland.....		6	.....	.....	3	9	179
Tennessee.....		72	280	15	29	396	3,420
Texas.....	106	193	609	11	61	980	4,450
Utah.....		10	35	4	2	51	498
Vermont.....	4	66	110	1	19	200	2,101
Virginia.....		28	226	2	43	299	3,416
Washington.....		54	112	7	14	187	1,808
West Virginia.....		33	376	5	39	453	3,629
Wisconsin.....	182	333	1,089	21	144	1,769	14,983
Wyoming.....	15	14	25	2	5	61	504
	1,171	9,374	29,991	866	5,657	47,059	528,853

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January 1st to December

JURISDICTION.	Brothers relieved.	Weeks' bene- fits paid.	Widowed families relieved.	Brothers buried.	Paid for the relief of Brothers.	Paid for the relief of widowed families.
Alabama.....	117	467	10	15	\$2,082 30	\$85 30
Arizona.....	33	136	1	3	1,109 85	2 00
Arkansas.....	137	417	9	17	1,216 50	142 20
British Columbia.....	106	662	5	6	5,774 75	228 00
California.....	3,023	20,634	209	287	166,500 91	14,928 28
Chile .....	11	61	2	2	622 00	40 25
Colorado.....	373	2,161	11	23	12,676 65	155 85
Connecticut.....	1,027	8,239	30	78	27,586 61	820 02
Dakota.....	157	644	8	19	2,482 57	256 70
Delaware.....	298	2,530	18	39	10,347 00	240 21
Denmark.....	52	784	35	12	4,854 63	930 56
District of Columbia....	246	1,429	77	27	5,609 18	1,791 40
Florida.....	66	148	11	5	934 50	379 35
Georgia.....	189	855	30	29	3,027 00	546 65
Idaho .....	52	163	5	2	966 00	216 00
Illinois.....	3,697	17,702	317	385	63,955 43	4,815 84
Indiana.....	2,759	14,801	344	253	60,261 15	5,875 85
Iowa.....	1,262	6,840	87	151	23,182 25	3,804 49
Kansas.....	852	4,697	184	109	15,581 00	1,154 00
Kentucky.....	656	3,417	199	68	15,875 21	3,576 77
Louisiana.....	105	447	45	22	2,463 50	746 15
Lower Prov., B. N. A...	131	857	14	17	1,933 62	213 33
Maine.....	1,313	12,588	30	138	39,614 42	747 32
Manitoba .....	66	391	5	5	1,641 70	70 00
Maryland.....	924	12,370	219	187	28,762 55	11,189 37
Massachusetts.....	3,260	24,253	563	343	77,754 56	5,768 30
Michigan.....	623	2,865	123	139	12,067 64	3,105 36
Minnesota .....	397	1,791	34	47	7,472 00	491 49
Mississippi.....	112	344	15	20	1,610 10	242 35
Missouri.....	1,366	6,665	457	159	23,055 85	12,989 40
Montana.....	112	327	2	.....	2,199 35	140 00
Nebraska.....	226	1,018	13	32	3,860 65	205 10
Nevada.....	175	1,377	12	29	8,393 50	770 75
New Hampshire.....	1,107	9,230	27	100	19,913 58	506 60
New Jersey.....	2,063	17,026	119	231	69,506 71	2,212 98
New York.....	5,206	29,096	370	624	124,534 52	13,804 29
North Carolina.....	100	342	11	12	1,158 00	95 00
Ohio.....	4,053	36,214	563	511	109,437 46	9,660 12
Ontario.....	1,647	7,825	317	93	27,835 99	12,748 12
Oregon.....	299	1,509	49	25	11,747 80	2,990 50
Pennsylvania.....	11,851	85,788	1,051	962	302,054 61	7,958 69
Quebec.....	80	297	18	5	1,266 73	447 75
Rhode Island.....	474	5,580	32	58	22,467 45	310 77
South Carolina.....	84	253	14	9	824 75	115 00
Switzerland.....	14	162	8	3	324 00	133 60
Tennessee.....	253	1,021	101	29	6,127 15	1,670 10
Texas.....	467	1,440	36	61	5,855 70	796 47
Utah.....	27	132	3	2	903 50	60 00
Vermont.....	117	761	1	19	1,837 39	15 00
Virginia.....	481	3,224	156	43	10,155 00	2,451 00
Washington.....	175	787	9	14	4,700 50	334 45
West Virginia.....	493	2,220	32	39	8,627 03	591 50
Wisconsin.....	671	5,133	83	144	11,689 38	3,449 21
Wyoming.....	49	265	2	5	1,935 80	87 00
	53,634	360,385	6,126	5,657	\$1,378,427 98	\$137,106 79



## 1887. SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F. 10,815

of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from  
31st, 1886—Continued.

JURISDICTION.	Paid for the education of orphans.	Paid for burying the dead.	Special relief.	Total relief.	Total receipts.
Alabama.....	\$365 35	\$633 05	\$337 71	\$3,503 71	\$9,579 80
Arizona .....		334 75	294 16	1,740 76	7,656 79
Arkansas.....		354 00	144 90	1,857 60	9,245 85
British Columbia.....		542 00		6,544 75	13,621 00
California.....	1,695 55	13,070 38	9,905 92	206,101 04	468,021 41
Chile.....		50 00		712 25	4,044 89
Colorado.....		1,035 00		13,867 50	37,069 26
Connecticut.....	102 50	5,923 00	5,039 35	39,471 48	94,440 96
Dakota .....	237 85	814 50	1,076 09	4,867 71	44,748 59
Delaware.....	30 00	3,514 09	154 00	14,285 21	31,519 82
Denmark.....	87 40	480 00	24 00	6,376 59	22,490 80
District of Columbia.....	200 19	1,262 60	635 30	9,498 67	18,814 78
Florida.....	34 00	109 00	55 00	1,561 85	4,785 06
Georgia.....	172 75	1,340 00	413 35	5,499 75	13,976 55
Idaho.....		100 00	135 00	1,417 00	10,617 44
Illinois.....	456 35	27,148 69	9,020 13	105,396 44	364,340 06
Indiana.....	1,039 78	15,687 28	6,918 91	89,782 97	263,809 69
Iowa.....	58 01	6,364 85	1,872 18	35,281 78	116,846 41
Kansas .....	55 50	4,499 55	3,679 12	24,969 17	115,789 20
Kentucky.....	507 51	3,700 25	1,434 96	25,094 70	38,020 85
Louisiana.....		1,036 85		4,246 50	10,267 30
Lower Prov., B. N. A....	31 00	445 75	134 20	2,757 90	12,594 28
Maine .....	96 41	5,171 60	2,856 92	48,486 67	114,294 65
Manitoba.....		70 00	381 15	2,162 85	12,183 79
Maryland.....	216 86	9,049 00	1,366 13	50,583 91	75,127 42
Massachusetts.....	263 75	15,030 20	12,255 27	111,072 08	303,586 06
Michigan .....	68 77	4,607 70	2,471 01	22,320 48	90,327 78
Minnesota.....		1,757 13	1,327 41	11,048 03	60,699 40
Mississippi.....	64 00	555 25	20 00	2,491 70	6,924 75
Missouri.....	4,591 50	6,432 25	3,854 50	50,923 50	93,352 60
Montana.....		490 25	281 00	3,110 60	19,893 36
Nebraska.....		563 00	702 95	5,831 70	47,091 27
Nevada.....		2,317 60	651 85	12,133 70	27,182 64
New Hampshire.....		4,356 45	5,414 08	30,190 71	65,259 42
New Jersey.....	314 53	21,308 15	3,500 51	96,842 88	213,591 29
New York.....	411 90	62,741 22		201,491 93	401,981 47
North Carolina.....	31 04	225 15	476 62	1,985 81	8,098 67
Ohio.....	156 96	19,355 32	9,590 36	148,200 22	440,304 62
Ontario.....	946 75	3,895 66	1,580 65	47,007 17	135,951 44
Oregon.....	72 70	1,448 00	2,577 66	18,836 66	59,836 31
Pennsylvania.....	1,576 27	84,975 23	10,394 77	406,959 57	759,601 50
Quebec .....	10 00	192 25	105 00	2,021 73	5,595 92
Rhode Island.....	158 00	2,450 00	4,365 31	29,751 53	71,378 67
South Carolina .....		240 00		1,179 75	2,669 77
Switzerland.....	43 00	128 00	86 45	715 05	1,379 39
Tennessee.....	1,002 57	1,320 50	431 00	10,551 32	25,371 18
Texas.....	202 00	2,393 05	1,936 34	11,183 56	80,143 09
Utah.....		287 40	244 70	1,495 60	9,201 57
Vermont.....		691 00	496 89	3,040 28	12,644 89
Virginia.....	60 00	2,955 00	175 00	15,796 00	29,280 00
Washington.....		925 45	1,399 25	7,359 65	40,182 86
West Virginia.....	19 05	3,171 91	855 77	13,265 26	33,610 89
Wisconsin.....	27 90	6,051 42	1,780 00	22,997 91	98,290 22
Wyoming.....		280 00		2,302 80	5,650 51
	\$15,407 70	\$353,880 64	\$112,852 83	\$1,997,675 94	\$5,062,988 19

*ANNUAL REPORT of Subordinate Lodges to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the  
31st, 1886, and names and location of Lodges chartered*

LODGES.	LOCATION.	Members Dec. 31, 1885.	ADD.				Total.
			Error in last report.	Initiated.	Admitted by card.	Reinstated.	
ALBERTA, CANADA.							
Alberta.....No. 1	Calgary.....	41	.....	18	1	.....	60
ASSINIBOIA, CANADA.							
*Valley.....No. 1	Moose Jaw.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Moosomin....." 2	Moosomin.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CUBA.							
Porvenir.....No. 1	Havana.....	64	.....	61	.....	.....	125
Fraternidad Universal....." 2	Guanabacoa.....	13	.....	65	1	.....	79
Cuba....." 3	Havana.....	50	.....	57	2	.....	109
Havana....." 4	Havana.....	.....	.....	33	14	.....	47
America....." 5	Regla.....	.....	.....	21	6	.....	27
Regla....." 6	Regla.....	.....	.....	20	8	.....	28
†Hijos del Trabajo....." 7	Havana.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
FRANCE, EUROPE.							
†Concorde.....No. 1	Havre.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
INDIAN TERRITORY.							
Caddo.....No. 1	Caddo.....	14	.....	1	.....	.....	15
Pocahontas....." 2	Savanna.....	54	.....	9	1	1	65
Cyclone....." 3	McAlister.....	104	.....	17	2	1	124
Tahlequah....." 4	Tahlequah.....	.....	.....	18	6	.....	24
Atoka....." 5	Atoka.....	54	.....	9	2	.....	65
MEXICO.							
Ridgely.....No. 1	City of Mexico ...	57	.....	25	2	.....	84
Juarez....." 2	City of Mexico ...	9	.....	15	.....	.....	24
NETHERLANDS, EUROPE.							
Paradise.....No. 1	Amsterdam, H'd.	33	.....	9	.....	.....	42
Mount Sinai....." 2	Amsterdam, H'd.	59	3	10	.....	.....	72
NEW MEXICO.							
Albuquerque.....No. 1	Albuquerque.....	43	.....	6	5	.....	54
Paradise....." 2	Santa Fe.....	41	.....	.....	.....	.....	41
Aztlan....." 3	Santa Fe.....	27	.....	4	.....	1	32
Las Vegas....." 4	Las Vegas.....	51	.....	6	7	.....	64
San Vicente....." 5	Silver City.....	44	4	5	3	.....	56
Deming....." 6	Deming.....	27	.....	2	.....	.....	29
Gem City....." 7	Socorro.....	13	.....	14	2	.....	29
Raton....." 8	Raton.....	.....	.....	16	12	1	29
¶The Percha....." 9	Kingston.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‡Fidelity....." 10	Gallup.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.							
Lima.....No. 1	Lima.....	61	.....	1	.....	.....	62
Fortschritt....." 3	Lima.....	28	.....	1	.....	.....	29
Chalaco....." 4	Callao.....	41	.....	15	1	2	59
SANDWICH ISLANDS.							
Excelsior.....No. 1	Honolulu.....	104	.....	6	.....	.....	110
Harmony....." 3	Honolulu.....	71	.....	8	1	.....	80
SWEDEN, EUROPE.							
¶Scania.....No. 1	Malmo.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		1,103	7	472	76	6	1,664

\* Reported to Grand Lodge of Manitoba. † Instituted April 27th, 1887. ‡ Instituted March 2d, 1887. ¶ Instituted May 19th, 1887. § Instituted August 27th, 1887. ¶ Reported to Grand Lodge of Denmark.



# 1887. SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F. 10,817

*Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from January 1st to December between September 1st, 1886, and August 20th, 1887.*

LODGES.	LOCATION.	DEDUCT.						Members Dec. 31, 1886.	Past Grands.
		Error in last report.	Withdr'wn by card.	Suspended or dropped.	Expelled.	Deceased.	Total.		
ALBERTA, CANADA.									
Alberta.....No. 1	Calgary.....			9			9	51	4
ASSINIBOIA, CANADA.									
*Valley.....No. 1	Moose Jaw.....								
*Moosomin....." 2	Moosomin.....								
CUBA.									
Porvenir.....No. 1	Havana.....	22	18	4		1	45	80	3
Fraternidad Universal " 2	Guanabacoa.....		12	6		1	19	60	2
Cuba....." 3	Havana.....	3	9	2			14	95	4
Havana....." 4	Havana.....		4				4	43	2
America....." 5	Regla.....		4				4	23	1
Regla....." 6	Regla.....							28	
†Hijos del Trabajo....." 7	Havana.....								
FRANCE, EUROPE.									
†Concorde.....No. 1	Havre.....								
INDIAN TERRITORY.									
Caddo.....No. 1	Caddo.....		2	1			3	12	5
Pocahontas....." 2	Savanna.....		2	1			3	62	8
Cyclone....." 3	McAlister.....		5	7			12	112	17
Tahlequah....." 4	Tahlequah.....		2				2	22	
Atoka....." 5	Atoka.....	3	2	9		2	16	49	3
MEXICO.									
Ridgely.....No. 1	City of Mexico ..		5	4		3	12	72	3
Juarez....." 2	City of Mexico ..			4		1	5	19	2
NETHERLANDS, EUROPE.									
Paradise.....No. 1	Amsterdam, H'd.		1	2		1	4	38	4
Mount Sinai....." 2	Amsterdam, H'd.		2	6			8	64	7
NEW MEXICO.									
Albuquerque.....No. 1	Albuquerque.....		1			1	2	52	8
Paradise....." 2	Santa Fe.....		2	4			6	35	14
Aztlán....." 3	Santa Fe.....		1		1		2	30	9
Las Vegas....." 4	Las Vegas.....		1				1	63	14
San Vicente....." 5	Silver City.....		2	12			14	42	12
Deming....." 6	Deming.....			2			2	27	3
Gem City....." 7	Socorro.....							29	4
Raton....." 8	Raton.....							29	3
¶The Percha....." 9	Kingston.....								
¿Fidelity....." 10	Gallup.....								
PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.									
Lima.....No. 1	Lima.....					2	2	60	9
Fortschritt....." 3	Lima.....		3	6			9	20	3
Chalaco....." 4	Callao.....			1			1	58	7
SANDWICH ISLANDS.									
Excelsior.....No. 1	Honolulu.....		2	3			5	105	18
Harmony....." 3	Honolulu.....		2	11			13	67	13
SWEDEN, EUROPE.									
¶Scania.....No. 1	Malmo.....								
		28	82	94	1	12	217	1,447	182

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31st, 1886, and names of Lodges chartered between

LODGES.	Brothers relieved.	Weeks' bene- fits paid.	Widowed families relieved.	Brothers buried.	Paid for the relief of Brothers.	Paid for the relief of widowed families.
ALBERTA, CANADA.						
Alberta.....No. 1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	\$25 00
ASSINIBOIA, CANADA.						
*Valley.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Moosomin ..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CUBA.						
Porvenir.....No. 1	1	7	.....	1	\$42 50	.....
Fraternidad Universal... " 2	4	13	.....	1	110 50	.....
Cuba..... " 3	3	5	.....	.....	42 50	.....
Havana..... " 4	1	1	.....	.....	5 00	.....
America..... " 5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Regla..... " 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Hijos del Trabajo..... " 7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
FRANCE, EUROPE.						
†Concorde.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
INDIAN TERRITORY.						
Caddo.....No. 1	3	16	.....	.....	80 00	.....
Pocahontas..... " 2	9	20	.....	.....	148 60	.....
Cyclone..... " 3	11	122	.....	.....	548 00	.....
Tahlequah..... " 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Atoka..... " 5	11	71	.....	2	246 00	.....
MEXICO.						
Ridgely.....No. 1	19	58	.....	3	580 33	.....
Juarez..... " 2	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
NETHERLANDS, EUROPE.						
Paradise.....No. 1	1	2	.....	1	8 00	.....
Mount Sinai..... " 2	3	18	.....	.....	180 00	.....
NEW MEXICO.						
Albuquerque.....No. 1	6	17	.....	1	94 00	.....
Paradise..... " 2	1	1	.....	.....	6 00	.....
Aztlan..... " 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Las Vegas..... " 4	2	16	.....	.....	72 00	.....
San Vicente..... " 5	4	8	.....	.....	64 00	.....
Deming..... " 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gem City..... " 7	1	2	.....	.....	18 00	.....
Raton..... " 8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
¶The Percha..... " 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
¶Fidelity..... " 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.						
Lima.....No. 1	2	5	1	2	35 00	100 00
Fortschritt..... " 3	1	1	.....	.....	6 00	.....
Chalaco..... " 4	3	14	1	.....	98 00	10 00
SANDWICH ISLANDS.						
Excelsior.....No. 1	8	19	6	.....	225 00	600 00
Harmony..... " 3	4	16	.....	.....	91 00	.....
SWEDEN, EUROPE.						
¶Scania.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	98	432	9	12	\$2,700 43	\$735 00

\* Reported to Grand Lodge of Manitoba. † Instituted April 27th, 1887. ‡ Instituted March 2d, 1887. ¶ Instituted May 19th, 1887. § Instituted August 27th, 1887. ¶ Reported to Grand Lodge of Denmark.



## 1887. SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F. 10,819

*Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from January 1st to December September 1st, 1886, and August 20th, 1887—Continued.*

LODGES.	Paid for the education of orphans.	Paid for burying the dead.	Special relief.	Total relief.	Total receipts.
ALBERTA, CANADA.					
Alberta.....No. 1				\$25 00	\$668 50
ASSINIBOIA, CANADA.					
*Valley.....No. 1					
*Moosomin....." 2					
CUBA.					
Porvenir.....No. 1				42 50	783 00
Fraternidad Universal....." 2		\$34 00	\$25 00	169 50	716 00
Cuba....." 3			26 65	69 15	629 10
Havana....." 4				5 00	430 00
America....." 5					304 00
Regla....." 6					220 00
†Hijos del Trabajo....." 7					
FRANCE, EUROPE.					
†Concorde.....No. 1					
INDIAN TERRITORY.					
Caddo.....No. 1				80 00	70 50
Pocahontas....." 2				148 60	594 95
Cyclone....." 3			50 00	598 00	969 66
Tahlequah....." 4					466 50
Atoka....." 5		75 00		321 00	581 55
MEXICO.					
Ridgely.....No. 1		50 00	37 00	667 33	2,085 29
Juarez....." 2		50 00		50 00	222 00
NETHERLANDS, EUROPE.					
Paradise.....No. 1		30 00	4 00	42 00	286 64
Mount Sinai....." 2				180 00	406 53
NEW MEXICO.					
Albuquerque.....No. 1				94 00	422 65
Paradise....." 2				6 00	103 49
Aztlan....." 3					280 60
Las Vegas....." 4		20 00		92 00	480 20
San Vicente....." 5			10 00	74 00	704 00
Deming....." 6					384 00
Gem City....." 7			10 00	28 00	736 50
Raton....." 8					479 00
¶The Percha....." 9					
‡Fidelity....." 10					
PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.					
Lima.....No. 1			32 50	167 50	329 80
Fortschritt....." 3			20 00	26 00	166 00
Chalaco....." 4				108 00	938 50
SANDWICH ISLANDS.					
Excelsior....." 1	\$653 25		150 00	1,628 25	1,322 40
Harmony....." 3		30 00		121 00	1,110 45
SWEDEN, EUROPE.					
¶Scania.....No. 1					
	\$653 25	\$289 00	\$365 15	\$4,742 83	\$16,891 81

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ANNUAL REPORT of *Grand Encampments to the Sovereign Grand*  
from January 1st to

JURISDICTION.	Encamp-ments.	Members Dec. 31, 1885.	ADD.				Total.
			Error in last report.	Initiated.	Admitted by card.	Reinstated.	
Alabama.....	7	194	.....	18	1	.....	213
Arkansas.....	4	81	.....	10	.....	.....	91
California.....	74	4,433	.....	397	37	29	4,896
Colorado.....	25	801	.....	98	13	11	923
Connecticut.....	22	2,440	.....	285	9	13	2,747
Dakota.....	21	370	1	205	62	6	644
Delaware.....	9	361	.....	18	.....	3	382
District of Columbia.....	4	445	.....	37	3	.....	485
Florida.....	7	130	.....	11	.....	2	143
Georgia.....	10	396	.....	51	1	15	463
Illinois.....	174	5,726	.....	604	76	72	6,478
Indiana.....	131	5,421	.....	795	48	68	6,332
Iowa.....	120	4,264	25	304	44	26	4,663
Kansas.....	67	1,763	119	342	52	7	2,283
Kentucky.....	36	1,449	.....	178	9	10	1,646
Louisiana.....	5	132	.....	36	4	1	173
Maine.....	45	4,176	.....	236	7	8	4,427
Maryland.....	26	1,290	.....	65	1	6	1,362
Massachusetts.....	56	7,373	.....	698	29	26	8,126
Michigan.....	97	2,915	.....	381	32	55	3,383
Minnesota.....	28	1,202	.....	122	8	9	1,341
Mississippi.....	12	276	.....	7	1	.....	284
Missouri.....	78	2,164	.....	255	20	34	2,473
Montana.....	7	204	24	3	26	1	258
Nebraska.....	22	613	4	55	9	8	689
Nevada.....	9	369	.....	21	4	3	397
New Hampshire.....	29	2,572	.....	200	75	4	2,851
New Jersey.....	51	2,565	.....	274	13	9	2,861
New York.....	95	5,678	.....	653	34	47	6,412
North Carolina.....	10	197	.....	20	2	2	221
Ohio.....	187	10,831	.....	790	313	97	12,031
Ontario.....	64	2,874	.....	342	63	13	3,292
Oregon.....	20	582	.....	91	14	4	691
Pennsylvania.....	204	12,350	.....	1,096	148	114	13,708
Rhode Island.....	18	1,499	.....	271	6	13	1,789
South Carolina.....	4	49	.....	8	.....	.....	57
Tennessee.....	18	287	.....	94	12	10	403
Texas.....	40	710	.....	146	6	12	874
Vermont.....	12	578	.....	63	8	4	653
Virginia.....	14	572	1	36	1	3	613
Washington.....	11	242	2	77	40	.....	361
West Virginia.....	21	630	.....	26	3	7	666
Wisconsin.....	71	1,950	.....	127	9	28	2,114
Wyoming.....	6	130	.....	20	11	2	163
	1,971	93,284	176	9,566	1,254	782	105,062



## 1887. SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F. 10,821

*Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year  
December 31st, 1886.*

JURISDICTION.	DEDUCT.						Members Dec. 31, 1886.
	Error in last report.	Withdrawn by card.	Suspended or dropped.	Expelled.	Deceased.	Total.	
Alabama.....		2	21	.....	4	27	186
Arkansas.....				.....			91
California.....		49	144	5	57	255	4,641
Colorado.....		10	57	1	5	73	850
Connecticut.....		7	107	1	18	133	2,614
Dakota .....		21	20	2	3	46	598
Delaware.....			19	1	4	24	358
District of Columbia.....		2	21	.....	2	25	460
Florida .....	1	1	16	.....	3	21	122
Georgia.....		4	30	.....	7	41	422
Illinois.....		104	580	11	50	745	5,733
Indiana .....	1	37	268	2	66	374	5,958
Iowa.....	55	53	481	1	34	624	4,039
Kansas.....		27	122	1	12	162	2,121
Kentucky .....		12	63	.....	10	85	1,561
Louisiana .....	1	3	30	.....	4	38	135
Maine.....		11	81	1	42	135	4,292
Maryland .....		3	48	.....	33	84	1,278
Massachusetts.....		79	149	1	88	317	7,809
Michigan... ..	15	48	344	5	17	429	2,954
Minnesota.....		16	109	.....	8	133	1,208
Mississippi.....		2	34	.....	3	39	245
Missouri.....		20	214	6	16	256	2,217
Montana .....		6	16	2	.....	24	234
Nebraska.....		25	22	.....	3	50	639
Nevada.....		8	11	2	12	33	364
New Hampshire.....		83	45	1	33	162	2,689
New Jersey.....		7	137	3	28	175	2,686
New York.....		69	418	5	81	573	5,839
North Carolina.....		2	6	.....	3	11	210
Ohio.....		313	656	10	126	1,105	10,926
Ontario .....		50	190	.....	20	260	3,032
Oregon.....		5	6	3	6	20	671
Pennsylvania.....		70	809	5	150	1,034	12,674
Rhode Island.....		4	34	.....	16	54	1,735
South Carolina.....		3	.....	.....	2	5	52
Tennessee.....		9	30	1	11	51	352
Texas.....		16	58	.....	10	84	790
Vermont.....	1	16	27	.....	4	48	605
Virginia .....		13	123	.....	8	144	469
Washington .....		9	23	.....	3	35	326
West Virginia.....		2	52	1	4	59	607
Wisconsin .....	75	23	139	1	18	256	1,858
Wyoming .....		5	7	2	3	17	146
	149	1,249	5,767	74	1,027	8,266	96,796

ANNUAL REPORT of Grand Encampments to the Sovereign Grand  
from January 1st to December

JURISDICTION.	Patriarchs relieved.	Weeks' bene- fits paid.	Widowed families relieved.	No. of Patri- archs buried.	Paid for the relief of Patriarchs.	Paid for the relief of widowed families.
Alabama .....	33	142	.....	4	\$356 00	.....
Arkansas .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
California .....	489	3,702	8	57	18,867 25	\$134 00
Colorado .....	54	403	.....	5	920 00	.....
Connecticut .....	210	2,043	.....	18	2,889 50	.....
Dakota .....	11	44	.....	3	92 15	.....
Delaware .....	23	112	.....	4	279 00	.....
District of Columbia...	31	240	3	2	702 00	35 50
Florida .....	6	13	.....	3	21 00	.....
Georgia.....	31	134	.....	7	302 50	.....
Illinois .....	299	1,169	9	50	2,871 00	155 50
Indiana .....	553	3,410	12	66	7,725 84	127 63
Iowa.....	179	1,081	3	34	1,994 25	45 00
Kansas .....	63	238	7	12	846 90	82 50
Kentucky .....	115	892	11	10	1,930 00	75 00
Louisiana .....	7	34	.....	4	102 00	.....
Maine.....	311	3,293	.....	42	9,659 75	.....
Maryland .....	210	1,579	35	33	2,853 58	2,723 57
Massachusetts .....	594	5,293	5	88	8,930 17	98 75
Michigan.....	26	80	2	17	293 30	32 20
Minnesota.....	40	108	.....	8	472 25	.....
Mississippi .....	8	14	2	3	53 50	40 00
Missouri.....	120	493	5	16	1,021 00	.....
Montana .....	19	54	.....	.....	186 00	.....
Nebraska .....	15	61	.....	3	198 00	.....
Nevada.....	41	226	2	12	820 00	47 00
New Hampshire.....	231	2,255	.....	33	1,628 76	.....
New Jersey.....	279	2,888	.....	28	7,959 03	.....
New York.....	465	3,177	12	81	9,181 40	366 00
North Carolina.....	3	5	.....	3	10 00	.....
Ohio .....	1,172	9,013	12	126	27,210 50	234 91
Ontario .....	221	1,133	.....	20	1,615 34	.....
Oregon .....	46	239	.....	6	1,365 25	.....
Pennsylvania .....	1,912	14,555	22	150	46,567 74	485 13
Rhode Island.....	112	1,425	.....	16	2,418 05	.....
South Carolina.....	6	13	.....	2	26 00	.....
Tennessee .....	23	53	22	11	287 25	251 00
Texas.....	56	192	.....	10	781 50	.....
Vermont .....	17	164	.....	4	101 40	.....
Virginia.....	61	146	2	8	496 50	77 50
Washington .....	14	54	.....	3	162 00	.....
West Virginia.....	59	428	1	4	1,142 50	12 00
Wisconsin .....	13	55	1	18	275 00	8 00
Wyoming .....	7	66	.....	3	340 00	.....
	8,185	60,719	174	1,027	\$165,955 16	\$5,031 19



## 1887. SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F. 10,823

*Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year  
31st, 1886—Continued.*

JURISDICTION.	Paid for the education of orphans.	Paid for burying the dead.	Special relief.	Total relief.	Total receipts.
Alabama .....		\$50 00		\$406 00	\$733 55
Arkansas .....					317 50
California.....		2,322 75	\$710 15	22,034 15	46,433 28
Colorado .....		95 00		1,015 00	4,615 90
Connecticut.....		350 00		3,239 50	9,997 03
Dakota .....		10 00	112 50	214 65	4,039 73
Delaware .....		250 00	49 74	578 74	999 21
District of Columbia.....		55 00		792 50	2,409 37
Florida.....			10 00	31 00	252 95
Georgia .....		45 00		347 50	1,527 08
Illinois .....		699 35		3,725 85	16,328 45
Indiana .....		1,861 34	542 31	10,257 12	23,185 01
Iowa.....		430 00	93 00	2,562 25	8,949 89
Kansas .....		265 00	77 35	1,271 75	8,271 90
Kentucky .....		390 88	146 90	2,542 78	4,688 35
Louisiana .....		40 00		142 00	569 75
Maine.....		489 25		10,149 00	18,487 42
Maryland.....		1,346 00		6,923 15	9,621 00
Massachusetts.....		2,042 15	440 18	11,511 25	39,680 56
Michigan.....		140 00		465 50	6,500 34
Minnesota.....		126 65		598 90	4,030 92
Mississippi .....		60 00		153 50	543 25
Missouri .....	\$7 00	85 00	170 00	1,283 00	7,890 25
Montana .....			4 00	190 00	1,649 48
Nebraska.....		50 00	44 00	292 00	2,204 75
Nevada.....		330 00		1,197 00	3,100 30
New Hampshire.....		210 00	20 00	1,858 76	8,056 81
New Jersey.....		1,217 00	257 90	9,433 93	17,695 39
New York.....		3,355 95		12,903 35	28,508 94
North Carolina.....			20 00	30 00	187 10
Ohio .....		3,200 68		30,646 09	69,220 17
Ontario .....		290 00	7 75	1,913 09	9,187 01
Oregon .....			75 00	1,440 25	5,167 36
Pennsylvania .....	360 53	12,105 67	810 42	60,329 49	100,434 85
Rhode Island.....		285 00	15 00	2,718 05	11,169 00
South Carolina.....				26 00	93 85
Tennessee .....		170 00		708 25	1,622 40
Texas.....		126 00	7 00	914 50	3,852 65
Vermont .....				101 40	382 43
Virginia .....		45 00	10 00	629 00	1,536 15
Washington.....			50 00	212 00	2,563 97
West Virginia.....		110 00	50 00	1,314 50	1,843 37
Wisconsin.....		245 00		528 00	3,060 68
Wyoming.....				340 00	1,172 65
	\$367 53	\$32,893 67	\$3,723 20	\$207,970 75	\$492,782 00

ANNUAL REPORT of Subordinate Encampments to the Sovereign Grand Lodge  
December 31st, 1886, and names and location of Encampments

ENCAMPMENTS.	LOCATION.	Members Dec. 31, 1885.	ADD.				Total.
			Error in last report.	Initiated.	Admitted by card.	Reinstated	
ALBERTA, CANADA.							
*Alberta.....No. 1	Calgary.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
ARIZONA.							
Granite .....No. 1	Prescott.....	27	.....	.....	.....	.....	27
†Floral....." 2	Phoenix.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA.							
†Vancouver .....No. 1	Victoria.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Harmony....." 2	New Westminster...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Unity....." 3	Wellington.....	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	26
†Nanaimo....." 4	Nanaimo .....	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	21
DENMARK, EUROPE.							
Valdemar.....No. 1	Copenhagen .....	159	.....	1	.....	.....	160
‖Knud Lavard ..... " 2	Copenhagen .....	213	.....	.....	.....	.....	213
Niels Ebbesens..... " 3	Copenhagen .....	65	.....	5	.....	.....	70
Skjalm Hoides..... " 4	Aarhus .....	37	.....	2	.....	.....	39
IDAHO.							
Idaho.....No. 1	Boise City.....	38	.....	.....	.....	.....	38
INDIAN TERRITORY.							
Ridgely.....No. 1	McAlister.....	48	.....	3	1	.....	52
Push-ma-ta-ha..... " 2	Atoka.....	25	.....	2	.....	.....	27
LOWER PROVINCES, B. N. A.							
Stuart.....No. 10	Pictou, N. S.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	15
Milicete....." 11	St. John, N. B.....	79	.....	6	.....	.....	85
Halifax....." 12	Halifax, N. S.....	27	.....	1	.....	.....	28
Port La Joie....." 13	Charlotteto'n,P.E.I	44	.....	.....	.....	.....	44
Belvedere....." 14	Windsor, N. S.....	24	.....	1	.....	.....	25
MANITOBA, CANADA.							
Harmony.....No. 1	Winnipeg .....	53	.....	4	3	.....	60
La Prairie....." 2	Portage La Prairie..	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	25
Eureka....." 3	Winnipeg .....	33	.....	12	1	.....	46
NEW MEXICO.							
James L. Ridgely.....No. 1	Silver City.....	14	.....	.....	.....	1	15
Las Vegas ..... " 2	Las Vegas.....	10	.....	13	.....	.....	23
Centennial....." 3	Santa Fe.....	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	23
‡Albuquerque....." 4	Albuquerque .....	.....	.....	18	6	.....	24
PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.							
Atahualpa.....No. 1	Lima .....	42	.....	1	.....	.....	43
QUEBEC.							
¶Montreal.....No. 1	Montreal.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
SANDWICH ISLANDS.							
Polynesia.....No. 1	Honolulu .....	44	.....	2	.....	.....	46
UTAH.							
**Oquirrh.....No. 1	Salt Lake City.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
**Unity....." 2	Salt Lake City.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
††Wasatch ..... " 3	Park City.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		1,092	.....	71	11	1	1,175
Unity, No. 3, and Nanaimo, No. 4, British Col- umbia, transferred to Grand Encampment of Washington.....}		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		1,092	.....	71	11	1	1,175

\* Instituted January 11th, 1887. † Instituted February 22d, 1887. ‡ Reported to Grand Encampment of Washington. ‖ Reports are for 1885 and 1886. § Instituted October 15th, 1886. ¶ Reported to Grand Encampment of Ontario. \*\* Reported to Grand Encampment of California. †† Instituted June 11th, 1887.



# 1887. SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F. 10,825

of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from January 1st to chartered between September 1st, 1886, and August 20th, 1887.

ENCAMPMENTS.	LOCATION.	DEDUCT.						Members Dec. 31, 1886.	Past Chief Patriarchs.
		Error in last report.	Withdr'wn by card.	Suspended or dropped.	Expelled.	Deceased.	Total.		
ALBERTA, CANADA.									
*Alberta.....No. 1	Calgary.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
ARIZONA.									
Granite.....No. 1	Prescott.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	26	4
†Floral....." 2	Phoenix.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
BRIT. COLUMBIA, CAN.									
†Vancouver.....No. 1	Victoria.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Harmony....." 2	New Westminster...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Unity....." 3	Wellington.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	.....
†Nanaimo....." 4	Nanaimo.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	.....
DENMARK, EUROPE.									
*Valdemar.....No. 1	Copenhagen.....	.....	14	13	.....	2	29	131	7
†Knud Lavard....." 2	Copenhagen.....	.....	16	31	.....	3	50	163	2
Niels Ebbesens... " 3	Copenhagen.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	2	68	1
Skjalms Hoides... " 4	Aarhuus.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39	2
IDAHO.									
Idaho.....No. 1	Boise City.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	37	13
INDIAN TERRITORY.									
Ridgely.....No. 1	McAlister.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52	6
Push-ma-ta-ha... " 2	Atoka.....	.....	1	2	.....	1	4	23	4
LOW PROVINCES, B. N. A.									
Stuart.....No. 10	Pictou, N. S.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	10
Milicete....." 11	St. John, N. B.....	1	1	41	.....	1	44	41	10
Halifax....." 12	Halifax, N. S.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	27	8
Port La Joie....." 13	Charlottetown, P.E.I.	.....	1	.....	.....	1	2	42	8
Belvedere....." 14	Windsor, N. S.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	2	23	5
MANITOBA, CANADA.									
Harmony.....No. 1	Winnipeg.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	59	12
La Prairie....." 2	Portage La Prairie..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	7
Eureka....." 3	Winnipeg.....	.....	2	.....	.....	1	3	43	7
NEW MEXICO.									
James L. RidgelyNo. 1	Silver City.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	2	13	4
Las Vegas....." 2	Las Vegas.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	5
Centennial....." 3	Santa Fe.....	.....	1	3	.....	1	5	18	6
‡Albuquerque....." 4	Albuquerque.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	.....
PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.									
Atahualpa.....No. 1	Lima.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43	7
QUEBEC.									
¶Montreal.....No. 1	Montreal.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
SANDWICH ISLANDS.									
Polynesia.....No. 1	Honolulu.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	4	42	14
UTAH.									
**Oquirrh.....No. 1	Salt Lake City.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
**Unity....." 2	Salt Lake City.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
††Wasatch....." 3	Park City.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Unity, No. 3, and Nanaimo, No. 4, British Columbia, transferred to Grand Encampment of Washington.....		1	47	93	.....	10	151	1,024	142
		.....	47	.....	.....	.....	47	47	.....
		1	94	93	.....	10	198	977	142

\*Instituted January 11th, 1887. †Instituted February 22d, 1887. ‡Reported to Grand Encampment of Washington. ¶Reports are for 1885 and 1886. ‡Instituted October 15th, 1886. ¶Reported to Grand Encampment of Ontario. \*\*Reported to Grand Encampment of California. ††Instituted June 11th, 1887.

ANNUAL REPORT of Subordinate Encampments to the Sovereign Grand Lodge  
December 31st, 1886, and names of Encampments chartered

ENCAMPMENTS.	Patriarchs relieved.	Weeks' bene- fits paid.	Widowed families relieved.	Patriarchs buried.	Paid for the relief of Patriarchs.	Paid for the relief of widowed families.
ALBERTA, CANADA.						
*Alberta.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
ARIZONA.						
Granite.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Floral....." 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA.						
†Vancouver.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Harmony....." 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Unity....." 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Nanaimo....." 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
DENMARK, EUROPE.						
Valdemar.....No. 1	7	82	.....	2	\$127 63	.....
‖Knud Lavard....." 2	3	7	.....	3	13 20	.....
Niels Ebbesens....." 3	5	6	.....	.....	27 03	.....
Skjalm Hoides....." 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
IDAHO.						
Idaho.....No. 1	4	11	.....	.....	55 00	.....
INDIAN TERRITORY.						
Ridgely.....No. 1	6	36	.....	.....	99 50	.....
Push-ma-ta-ha....." 2	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
LOWER PROVINCES, B. N. A.						
Stuart.....No. 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Milicete....." 11	1	8	.....	1	4 00	.....
Halifax....." 12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Port La Joie....." 13	1	2	.....	1	10 00	.....
Belvedere....." 14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
MANITOBA, CANADA.						
Harmony.....No. 1	2	7	.....	.....	14 00	.....
La Prairie....." 2	2	9	.....	.....	13 50	.....
Eureka....." 3	1	37	.....	1	74 00	.....
NEW MEXICO.						
James L. Ridgely.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Las Vegas....." 2	1	3	.....	.....	6 00	.....
Centennial....." 3	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
‡Albuquerque....." 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.						
Atahualpa.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
QUEBEC.						
†Montreal.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
SANDWICH ISLANDS.						
Polynesia.....No. 1	3	11	1	.....	55 00	\$25 00
UTAH.						
**Oquirrh.....No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
**Unity....." 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
††Wasatch....." 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	36	219	1	10	\$498 86	\$25 00

\* Instituted January 11th, 1887. † Instituted February 22d, 1887. ‡ Reported to Grand Encampment of Washington. ‖ Reports are for 1885 and 1886. ‡ Instituted October 15th, 1886. ¶ Reported to Grand Encampment of Ontario. \*\* Reported to Grand Encampment of California. †† Instituted June 11th, 1887.



# 1887. SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F. 10,827

of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from January 1st to between September 1st, 1886, and August 20th, 1887—Continued.

ENCAMPMENTS.		Paid for the education of orphans.	Paid for burying the dead.	Special relief.	Total relief.	Total receipts.
ALBERTA, CANADA.						
*Alberta.....	No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
ARIZONA.						
Granite.....	No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$174 00
†Floral.....	" 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA.						
†Vancouver.....	No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Harmony.....	" 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Unity.....	" 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Nanaimo.....	" 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
DENMARK, EUROPE.						
Valdemar.....	No. 1	.....	\$26 32	.....	\$153 95	251 36
¶Knud Lavard.....	" 2	.....	13 33	\$42 66	69 19	599 13
Niels Ebbesens.....	" 3	.....	.....	.....	27 03	195 34
Skjalm Hoides.....	" 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	90 40
IDAHO.						
Idaho.....	No. 1	.....	.....	.....	55 00	144 90
INDIAN TERRITORY.						
Ridgely.....	No. 1	.....	.....	.....	99 50	139 15
Push-ma-ta-ha.....	" 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	70 50
LOWER PROVINCES, B. N. A.						
Stuart.....	No. 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00
Milicete.....	" 11	.....	.....	.....	4 00	110 00
Halifax.....	" 12	.....	.....	.....	.....	96 70
Port La Joie.....	" 13	.....	.....	.....	10 00	36 32
Belvedere.....	" 14	.....	.....	.....	.....	44 63
MANITOBA, CANADA.						
Harmony.....	No. 1	.....	.....	.....	14 00	210 47
La Prairie.....	" 2	.....	.....	.....	13 50	58 05
Eureka.....	" 3	.....	10 00	.....	84 00	225 50
NEW MEXICO.						
James L. Ridgely.....	No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	19 00
Las Vegas.....	" 2	.....	.....	.....	6 00	233 60
Centennial.....	" 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	31 00
‡Albuquerque.....	" 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	287 50
PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.						
Atahualpa.....	No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	51 00
QUEBEC.						
¶Montreal.....	No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
SANDWICH ISLANDS.						
Polynesia.....	No. 1	.....	.....	28 00	108 00	402 50
UTAH.						
**Oquirrh.....	No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
**Unity.....	" 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
††Wasatch.....	" 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		.....	\$49 65	\$70 66	\$644 17	\$3,486 05

\*Instituted January 11th, 1887. †Instituted February 22d, 1887. ‡Reported to Grand Encampment of Washington. ¶Reports are for 1885 and 1886. ‡Instituted October 15th, 1886. ¶Reported to Grand Encampment of Ontario. \*\*Reported to Grand Encampment of California. ††Instituted June 11th, 1887.

## DEGREE LODGES OF THE

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January 1st to

JURISDICTION.	Lodges.	Members December 31st, 1885.			Admitted during the year.		Total.	
		Bros.	Sisters.	Total.	Bros.	Sisters.	Bros.	Sisters.
Alabama .....	6	265	239	504	32	26	297	265
Arizona .....	2	33	19	52	2	1	35	20
Arkansas .....	11	.....	.....	.....	119	82	119	82
California .....	* 89	2,115	2,317	4,432	867	858	2,982	3,175
Colorado .....	4	86	63	149	23	11	109	74
Connecticut .....	16	696	795	1,491	82	71	778	866
Dakota .....	3	74	61	135	8	6	82	67
Delaware .....	1	33	47	80	4	1	37	48
Denmark .....	1	48	48	96	10	13	58	61
Dist. of Columbia..	2	37	44	81	32	30	69	74
Georgia .....	2	60	37	97	.....	17	60	54
Idaho .....	3	43	26	69	29	20	72	46
Illinois .....	91	1,929	2,005	3,934	628	598	2,557	2,603
Indiana .....	233	1,959	2,361	4,320	750	884	2,709	3,245
Iowa .....	80	1,781	1,726	3,507	314	321	2,095	2,047
Kansas .....	82	1,776	1,114	2,890	289	250	2,065	1,364
Kentucky .....	22	255	246	501	141	164	396	410
* Louisiana .....	2	37	25	62	.....	.....	37	25
Low. Prov., B.N.A.	2	23	21	44	29	60	52	81
Maine .....	23	1,119	1,232	2,351	142	139	1,261	1,371
† Maryland .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Massachusetts .....	50	2,824	2,942	5,766	626	637	3,450	3,579
Michigan .....	98	1,589	1,469	3,058	330	289	1,919	1,758
† Minnesota .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Missouri .....	31	544	397	941	186	226	730	623
Montana .....	1	73	26	99	1	13	74	39
Nebraska .....	27	168	175	343	140	104	308	279
Nevada .....	3	57	79	136	5	7	62	86
New Hampshire...	30	1,497	1,504	3,001	321	355	1,818	1,859
New Jersey .....	17	682	565	1,247	79	53	761	618
New York .....	76	2,542	2,653	5,195	709	570	3,251	3,223
† North Carolina....	.....	24	10	34	.....	.....	24	10
Ohio .....	120	2,919	3,138	6,057	973	1,034	3,892	4,172
† Ontario .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oregon .....	13	135	112	247	68	84	203	196
Pennsylvania .....	78	945	1,079	2,024	95	148	1,040	1,227
Rhode Island .....	18	778	713	1,491	64	53	842	766
South Carolina....	.....	30	12	42	.....	.....	30	12
Tennessee .....	5	93	72	165	5	8	98	80
Texas .....	3	15	17	32	40	39	55	56
Vermont .....	8	398	286	684	109	75	507	361
† Virginia .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Washington .....	7	88	58	146	108	79	196	137
West Virginia .....	7	93	172	265	17	.....	110	172
Wisconsin .....	75	991	1,164	2,155	58	62	1,049	1,226
Wyoming .....	3	55	47	102	12	12	67	59
	1,345	28,909	29,116	58,025	7,447	7,400	36,356	36,516

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## DAUGHTERS OF REBEKAH.

of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from  
December 31st, 1886.

JURISDICTION.	From which deduct—								Members December 31st, 1886.		
	Withdrawn or dropped.		Expelled.		Deceased.		Total.		Bros.	Sisters.	Total.
	Bros.	Sisters.	Bros.	Sisters.	Bros.	Sisters.	Bros.	Sisters.			
Alabama..	4	2	.....	.....	1	1	5	3	292	262	554
Arizona...	5	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	2	30	18	48
Arkansas..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	119	82	201
California	245	208	.....	.....	18	17	263	225	2,719	2,950	5,669
Colorado..	28	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	14	81	60	141
Conn.....	92	84	13	8	2	6	107	98	671	768	1,439
Dakota..	8	11	.....	.....	.....	1	8	12	74	55	129
Delaware..	4	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	6	33	42	75
Denmark..	8	7	1	.....	.....	1	9	8	49	53	102
D. of C....	14	14	.....	.....	.....	1	14	15	55	59	114
Georgia...	3	2	.....	.....	.....	1	3	3	57	51	108
Idaho.....	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	1	68	45	113
Illinois...	276	222	3	.....	12	18	291	240	2,266	2,363	4,629
Indiana...	238	207	.....	.....	14	31	252	238	2,457	3,007	5,464
Iowa.....	145	127	1	.....	7	14	153	141	1,942	1,906	3,848
Kansas...	30	38	1	.....	9	5	40	43	2,025	1,321	3,346
Ky.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	396	410	806
*La.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	25	62
L. Prov...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52	81	133
Maine.....	87	84	.....	.....	1	12	102	96	1,159	1,275	2,434
†Md.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mass.....	154	132	.....	.....	19	39	173	171	3,277	3,408	6,685
Michigan..	143	112	.....	.....	12	12	155	124	1,764	1,634	3,398
†Minn.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Missouri...	157	105	.....	.....	2	.....	159	105	571	518	1,089
Montana..	9	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	10	2	64	37	101
Nebraska..	59	38	.....	.....	.....	3	59	41	249	238	487
Nevada...	4	5	1	.....	2	1	7	6	55	80	135
N. H.....	45	37	1	.....	10	8	56	45	1,762	1,814	3,576
N. J.....	57	48	.....	.....	5	2	62	50	699	568	1,267
N. Y.....	246	184	4	1	32	23	282	208	2,969	3,015	5,984
†N. C.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	10	34
Ohio.....	433	362	.....	.....	24	26	457	388	3,435	3,784	7,219
†Ontario..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oregon....	11	7	.....	.....	1	2	12	9	191	187	378
Penna.....	52	49	4	11	9	4	65	64	975	1,163	2,138
R. I.....	32	32	.....	.....	10	10	42	42	800	724	1,524
S. C.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	12	42
Tennessee.	16	18	.....	.....	1	2	17	20	81	60	141
Texas.....	20	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	20	35	36	71
Vermont..	56	16	.....	.....	1	4	57	20	450	341	791
†Virginia..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wash.....	3	1	1	.....	1	.....	5	1	191	136	327
W. Va.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	8	110	164	274
Wisconsin	90	79	2	1	3	7	95	87	954	1,139	2,093
Wyoming	1	1	.....	.....	1	1	2	2	65	57	122
	2,779	2,283	32	21	212	254	3,023	2,558	33,333	33,958	67,291

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JURISDICTION.	RECEIPTS.		
	Assets per last report.	Receipts for twelve months.	Total.
Alabama .....	\$348 85	\$110 75	\$459 60
Arizona .....	83 20	56 25	139 45
Arkansas .....	.....	.....	.....
California .....	15,487 35	14,328 29	29,815 64
Colorado .....	120 79	173 25	294 04
Connecticut.....	13,858 94	3,207 37	17,066 31
Dakota.....	196 53	167 95	364 48
Delaware .....	239 80	267 58	507 38
Denmark .....	292 30	238 86	531 16
District of Columbia.....	383 50	398 59	782 09
Georgia .....	.....	42 30	42 30
Idaho.....	74 35	797 60	871 95
Illinois .....	8,393 89	4,041 49	12,435 38
Indiana.....	5,342 55	4,833 66	10,176 21
Iowa.....	3,645 76	2,216 95	5,862 71
Kansas.....	3,783 56	1,229 72	5,013 28
Kentucky .....	3,308 37	295 19	3,603 56
*Louisiana.....	104 65	.....	104 65
Lower Provinces, B. N. A.....	13 99	128 56	142 55
Maine .....	1,918 99	1,616 10	3,535 09
†Maryland .....	.....	.....	.....
Massachusetts.....	13,434 69	10,685 18	24,119 87
Michigan .....	1,666 54	1,813 46	3,480 00
†Minnesota.....	.....	.....	.....
Missouri .....	310 85	1,182 40	1,493 25
Montana .....	143 05	327 40	470 45
Nebraska .....	331 14	546 27	877 41
Nevada.....	2,109 72	625 55	2,735 27
New Hampshire.....	3,644 81	3,644 70	7,289 51
New Jersey.....	4,756 94	2,081 62	6,838 56
New York.....	32,844 47	14,116 20	46,960 67
†North Carolina.....	.....	.....	.....
Ohio.....	5,274 27	7,376 71	12,650 98
†Ontario .....	.....	.....	.....
Oregon .....	763 21	553 00	1,316 21
Pennsylvania .....	6,035 26	2,276 64	8,311 90
Rhode Island .....	4,494 17	2,156 74	6,650 91
South Carolina.....	.....	.....	.....
Tennessee.....	66 72	18 50	85 22
Texas.....	42 20	118 45	160 65
Vermont .....	213 47	507 22	720 69
†Virginia .....	.....	.....	.....
Washington.....	84 75	356 28	441 03
West Virginia .....	1,787 87	574 37	2,362 24
Wisconsin .....	6,147 75	395 92	6,543 67
Wyoming.....	219 90	117 25	337 15
	\$141,969 15	\$83,624 32	\$225,593 47

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## 1887. SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F. 10,831

## DAUGHTERS OF REBEKAH.

of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the year from  
31st, 1886—Continued.

JURISDICTION.	PAID OUT.					Available assets December 31st, 1886.
	Relief of members.	Relief of widowed families.	Total relief.	Lodge ex- penses, twelve months.	Total.	
Ala....	\$4 50	\$40 00	\$44 50	\$66 50	\$111 00	\$348 60
Ariz....				31 60	31 60	107 85
Ark....						
Cal....	696 00	191 12	887 12	9,814 40	10,701 52	19,114 12
Colo....	25 00		25 00	109 15	134 15	159 89
Conn....	510 00	214 50	724 50	1,516 30	2,240 80	14,825 51
Dak....	81 50		81 50	188 71	270 21	94 27
Del....	56 00		56 00	89 40	145 40	361 98
Den....	13 33	13 33	26 66	27 85	54 51	476 65
D. of C.	198 00	20 00	218 00	167 57	385 57	396 52
Ga....				23 75	23 75	18 55
Idaho..	4 00		4 00	546 25	550 25	321 70
Ill.....	676 95	189 43	866 38	2,773 69	3,640 07	8,795 31
Ind....	351 40	190 57	541 97	2,705 94	3,247 91	6,928 30
Iowa....	243 00	60 03	303 03	1,530 13	1,833 16	4,029 55
Kan....	218 65		218 65	941 14	1,159 79	3,853 49
Ky....	25 00		25 00	117 00	142 00	3,461 56
*La....						104 65
L. P....				74 41	74 41	68 14
Maine..	73 10	25 00	98 10	1,067 15	1,165 25	2,369 84
†Md....						
Mass..	1,403 59	375 00	1,778 59	7,490 20	9,268 79	14,851 08
Mich....	111 00	95 10	206 10	1,410 07	1,616 17	1,863 83
†Minn..						
Mo....	146 25	98 95	245 20	681 85	927 05	566 20
Mon....				284 20	284 20	186 25
Neb....	157 00		157 00	369 85	526 85	350 56
Nev....	167 50	10 00	177 50	461 20	638 70	2,096 57
N. H....	195 50		195 50	2,284 60	2,480 10	4,809 41
N. J....	343 20		343 20	1,229 73	1,572 93	5,265 63
N. Y....	4,689 38	1,585 67	6,275 05	6,886 31	13,161 36	33,799 31
†N. C..						
Ohio....	665 12	75 55	740 67	5,401 16	6,141 83	6,509 15
†Ont....						
Oreg....	41 00	30 00	71 00	363 50	434 50	881 71
Penna..	1,047 08	191 35	1,238 43	1,289 99	2,528 42	5,783 48
R. I....	101 00	73 00	174 00	1,965 72	2,139 72	4,511 19
S. C..						
Tenn....				21 00	21 00	64 22
Texas..				85 05	85 05	75 60
Vt.....	32 00		32 00	459 13	491 13	229 56
†Va....						
Wash....						441 03
W. Va..	185 70	75 00	260 70	165 88	426 58	1,935 66
Wis....	66 26	159 20	225 46	241 07	466 53	6,077 14
Wyo....	50 00		50 00	128 52	178 52	158 63
	\$12,578 01	\$3,712 80	\$16,290 81	\$53,009 97	\$69,300 78	\$156,292 69

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Rep. OLIVER, of Ontario, moved that the report be referred to the committee appointed to distribute the subjects of the report of the Grand Sire to appropriate committees, which was adopted.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his annual report, as follows :

#### REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

In observance of the organic law, the undersigned has the honor of communicating his annual report of the financial condition of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, for the fiscal year ending August 20th, 1887.

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DR. GRAND TREASURER.

Aug.	20.	To cash balance, this date, as per report of the Grand Treasurer, page 10,367 of the Journal of 1886.....	\$22,296 46
"	26.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	745 80
Sept.	2.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	557 20
"	8.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	863 50
"	"	To cash for interest on \$13,300 U. S. 4½ registered bonds.	149 62
"	15.	To cash for interest on \$40,000 U. S. 4½ coupon bonds..	450 00
"	"	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	524 00
"	23.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	529 43
Oct.	7.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	962 35
"	"	To cash for interest on \$2,500 U. S. 4 coupon bonds.....	25 00
"	13.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	578 41
"	30.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	717 90
Nov.	6.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	696 00
"	13.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	409 86
"	20.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	128 25
"	27.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	1,017 80
"	"	To cash for interest on \$13,300 U. S. 4½ registered bonds.	149 62
Dec.	4.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	534 75
"	16.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	484 50
"	"	To cash for interest on \$40,000 U. S. 4½ coupon bonds..	450 00
"	23.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	446 16
"	30.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	995 55
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Jan.	5.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	406 32
"	"	To cash for interest on \$2,500 U. S. 4 coupon bonds.....	25 00
"	13.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	1,424 55
"	19.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	904 12
"	27.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	1,189 45
Feb.	2.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	1,506 16
"	9.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	1,290 77
"	17.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	1,183 30
"	24.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	706 11
March	2.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	515 21
"	17.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	2,149 29
"	"	To cash for interest on \$13,300 U. S. 4½ registered bonds.	149 62
"	"	To cash for interest on \$40,000 U. S. 4½ coupon bonds..	450 00
"	24.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	785 93
"	31.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	514 00
April	8.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	625 30
"	"	To cash for interest on \$2,500 U. S. 4 coupon bonds.....	25 00
"	13.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	2,144 55



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April	20.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	\$849 15
"	27.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	1,700 40
May	4.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	187 50
"	11.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	1,213 28
"	25.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	2,246 50
June	1.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	2,351 10
"	8.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	382 50
"	"	To cash for interest on \$40,000 U. S. 4½ coupon bonds..	450 00
"	"	To cash for interest on \$13,300 U. S. 4½ registered bonds.	149 62
"	"	To cash for interest on \$2,500 U. S. 4 coupon bonds.....	25 00
"	15.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	530 05
July	6.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	174 95
"	11.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	757 42
"	13.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	454 50
"	16.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	1,161 50
"	19.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	1,877 00
"	23.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	1,445 60
"	27.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	299 55
"	30.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	393 35
Aug.	3.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	572 13
"	6.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	228 55
"	10.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	1,633 40
"	13.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	796 05
"	17.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	494 00
"	20.	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	303 15
"	"	To cash from Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary.....	75 00

Total aggregate..... \$70,458 09

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CR. GRAND TREASURER.

Sept.	23.	By this sum paid to Grand Officers and Grand Representatives that attended the session of the Grand Lodge at Boston, September, 1886, for mileage and per diem expenses, as per report of committee on that subject, on pages 10,449-10,456, Journal of 1886, on Warrants 3531 to 3693, inclusive.....	\$24,238 84
"	"	Warrant No. 3694, J. W. Stebbins, Committee on Appeals .....	25 00
"	"	" " 3695, J. T. Hoke, Committee on Appeals..	25 00
"	"	" " 3696, Wm. H. Izard, Committee on Appeals .....	25 00
"	"	" " 3697, Geo. B. Boyles, Committee on Appeals .....	25 00
"	"	" " 3698, Wm. S. Johnson, Committee on Appeals .....	25 00
"	"	" " 3699, S. H. Kelsey, Committee on Appeals .....	25 00
"	"	" " 3700, J. B. Goodwin, Committee on Appeals .....	25 00
"	"	" " 3701, F. M. Rea, Committee on Appeals...	25 00
"	"	" " 3702, C. T. Campbell, Committee on Appeals .....	25 00
"	"	" " 3703, Jno. E. McCahan, Sub-Committee on Finance.....	5 00
"	"	" " 3704, J. B. Blanks, Sub-Committee on Finance.....	24 30
"	"	" " 3705, Jno. M. Jones, Committee on Printing Supplies.....	9 00

Sept.	23.	Warrant No. 3706, J. T. Petty, Committee on Printing Supplies.....	\$21 00
"	"	" " 3707, Jno. J. Gallagher, Committee on Printing Supplies.....	19 60
"	"	" " 3708, I. A. Sheppard, Committee on Printing Supplies.....	6 00
"	"	" " 3709, C. M. Busbee, Committee on Location of Sovereign Grand Lodge.....	36 10
"	"	" " 3710, E. K. Wilcox, Committee on Location of Sovereign Grand Lodge.....	47 70
"	"	" " 3711, David Downs, Assistant to G. Guardian .....	25 00
"	"	" " 3712, Jno. U. Perkins, Committee on Location of Sovereign Grand Lodge.....	42 90
"	"	" " 3713, Francis Rae, Committee on Location of Sovereign Grand Lodge.....	47 00
"	"	" " 3714, M. R. Muck'�, Committee on Location of Sovereign Grand Lodge.....	6 00
"	"	" " 3715, Chas. D. Lucas, Committee on Location of Sovereign Grand Lodge.....	118 00
"	"	" " 3716, H. P. Cox, Committee on Revising Degree of Rebekah Ritual.....	18 17
"	"	" " 3717, H. K. Braley, Committee on Revising Degree of Rebekah Ritual.....	8 00
"	"	" " 3718, J. Medole & Son, for Ritual of Degree of Rebekah .....	36 50
"	"	" " 3719, H. F. Garey, expenses of G. Sire....	65 00
"	"	" " 3720, J. H. Albin, Committee on Degree of Patriarchs Militant.....	60 00
"	"	" " 3721, Jno. U. Perkins, Committee on Degree of Patriarchs Militant.....	60 00
"	"	" " 3722, Harrison Soule, care of Secret Work.	30 00
"	"	" " 3723, Theo. A. Ross, express charges to Boston and return.....	73 20
"	"	" " 3724, Benj. Scribner, Assistant Messenger..	35 00
"	"	" " 3725, Chas. J. Tinkom, Assistant Messenger .....	25 00
"	"	" " 3726, Jas. H. Harlow, Janitor, expense and labor.....	25 00
Oct.	7.	" " 3727, Allen Jenckes, Assistant G. Secretary, salary.....	125 00
"	"	" " 3728, C. Bier, Janitor, salary.....	66 67
"	13.	" " 3729, Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary, postage.	392 00
"	"	" " 3730, Commissioners of Harlem Square, Baltimore, steps at Ridgely Monument.	375 00
"	"	" " 3731, John L. Murphy, printing Officers' Reports.....	337 65
"	"	" " 3732, Rockwell & Churchill, printing Daily Journal.....	976 08
"	30.	" " 3733, Allen Jenckes, Assistant G. Secretary, salary.....	125 00
"	"	" " 3734, C. Bier, Janitor, salary.....	66 67
Nov.	4.	" " 3735, Wright & McLean, printing.....	13 75
"	"	" " 3736, Geo. F. Lewis' Son & Co., Cards and Diplomas .....	283 95
"	13.	" " 3737, J. Medole & Son, books and odes....	207 05
"	30.	" " 3738, Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary, office expenses.....	200 00
"	"	" " 3739, Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary, salary..	625 00



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Nov.	30.	Warrant No. 3740, Allen Jenckes, Assistant G. Secretary, salary.....	\$125 00
"	"	" " 3741, C. Bier, Janitor, salary.....	66 67
Dec.	4.	" " 3742, J. Medole & Son, books.....	177 32
"	"	" " 3743, Geo. F. Lewis' Son & Co., Diplomas.	48 60
"	"	" " 3744, Jno. C. Underwood, P. M. Tactics and postage.....	67 52
"	"	" " 3745, A. Hoen & Co., printing backs of Visiting Cards.....	83 25
"	9.	" " 3746, L. G. Dell, binding books.....	24 50
"	31.	" " 3747, Allen Jenckes, Assistant G. Secretary, salary.....	125 00
"	"	" " 3748, C. Bier, Janitor, salary.....	66 67
"	"	" " 3749, Austin & Woolverton, insurance on plates.....	12 25
"	"	" " 3750, Wright & McLean, printing circulars.....	22 75
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Jan.	13.	" " 3751, J. Medole & Son, books.....	930 83
"	"	" " 3752, Geo. F. Lewis' Son & Co., Cards.....	142 60
"	"	" " 3753, Argus Co., Digests.....	449 07
"	"	" " 3754, Wm. Sheehan, care of Ridgely Monument.....	12 50
"	"	" " 3755, Grand Lodge of Maryland, ground rent.....	30 00
"	26.	" " 3756, Dobler, Mudge & Chapman, paper and envelopes.....	29 52
"	"	" " 3757, Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary, express and postage.....	243 77
"	31.	" " 3758, Allen Jenckes, Assistant G. Secretary, salary.....	125 00
"	"	" " 3759, C. Bier, Janitor, salary.....	66 66
Feb.	2.	" " 3760, A. Hoen & Co., Rep. Certificates....	20 00
"	9.	" " 3761, Geo. F. Lewis' Son & Co., Diplomas.	44 83
"	16.	" " 3762, Wright & McLean, Rebekah Cards..	5 75
"	"	" " 3763, J. Medole & Son, books.....	277 60
"	17.	" " 3764, J. L. Murphy, Revised Journal.....	3,932 32
"	26.	" " 3765, Geo. F. Lewis' Son & Co., Cards and Diplomas.....	267 50
"	28.	" " 3766, Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary, salary..	625 00
"	"	" " 3767, Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary, office expenses.....	200 00
"	"	" " 3768, Allen Jenckes, Assistant G. Secretary, salary.....	125 00
"	"	" " 3769, C. Bier, Janitor, salary.....	66 66
"	"	" " 3770, Scania Lodge, No. 1, Sweden, dues returned.....	34 45
March	26.	" " 3771, Wright & McLean, printing.....	8 00
"	31.	" " 3772, Allen Jenckes, Assistant G. Secretary, salary.....	125 00
"	"	" " 3773, C. Bier, Janitor, salary.....	66 67
"	"	" " 3774, J. Medole & Son, books and odes....	265 07
April	2.	" " 3775, Associated Firemen's Insurance Co., insurance of furniture.....	23 04
"	13.	" " 3776, Paul Ketterlinus, translation and plates of Degree of Rebekah Ritual.....	61 00
"	"	" " 3777, Wright & McLean, printing.....	42 00
"	"	" " 3778, Geo. F. Lewis' Son & Co., Cards.....	139 75

April	27.	Warrant No. 3779, Safe Deposit and Trust Co., rent of safe and insurance of bonds.....	\$59 15
"	30.	" " 3780, Allen Jenckes, Assistant G. Secretary, salary.....	125 00
"	"	" " 3781, C. Bier, Janitor, salary.....	66 67
"	"	" " 3782, Deming Lodge, No. 6, New Mexico..	12 50
May,	3.	" " 3783, Dobler & Mudge, paper.....	20 40
"	"	" " 3784, J. Medole & Son, books.....	228 00
"	12.	" " 3785, Associated Firemen's Insurance Co., insurance on building.....	6 25
"	14.	" " 3786, Wright & McLean, printing.....	10 25
"	20.	" " 3787, J. L. Murphy, Revised Journal.....	29 98
"	31.	" " 3788, Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary, salary..	625 00
"	"	" " 3789, Allen Jenckes, Assistant G. Secretary, salary.....	125 00
"	"	" " 3790, C. Bier, Janitor, salary.....	66 67
June,	1.	" " 3791, Wright & McLean, printing blanks..	20 25
"	"	" " 3792, Dobler & Mudge, paper..	23 72
"	"	" " 3793, J. Medole & Son, Bound Journals...	463 59
"	"	" " 3794, J. Medole & Son, Rituals.....	147 12
"	"	" " 3795, Geo. F. Lewis' Son & Co., insurance on plates.....	35 00
"	8.	" " 3796, Geo. F. Lewis' Son & Co., Cards.....	217 60
"	11.	" " 3797, Wm. Sheehan, care of Ridgely Monument, etc.....	25 70
"	14.	" " 3798, L. G. Dell, binding books.....	93 55
"	"	" " 3799, J. W. Bond & Co., stationery.....	43 80
"	"	" " 3800, Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary, office expenses.....	250 00
"	"	" " 3801, Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary, expenses of removal.....	300 00
"	"	" " 3802, Wright & McLean, Rebekah Cards..	1 75
"	15.	" " 3803, Grand Lodge of Maryland, rent.....	355 00
"	"	" " 3804, L. H. Miller, changing vault door...	114 50
"	"	" " 3805, Allen Jenckes, Assistant G. Secretary, salary.....	125 00
"	"	" " 3806, C. Bier, Janitor, salary.....	66 67
July	6.	" " 3807, Jos. F. Schweitzer, care of Wildey Monument.....	50 00
"	9.	" " 3808, Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary, expenses of removal of office.....	204 43
"	13.	" " 3809, R. H. Gardner, fire insurance.....	36 75
"	"	" " 3810, R. H. Gardner, fire insurance.....	36 75
"	15.	" " 3811, Franklin Insurance Co., insurance...	73 50
"	18.	" " 3812, J. R. Harris, expenses of D. D. G. S..	10 00
"	21.	" " 3813, J. M. Norman, freight to Denver....	69 00
"	28.	" " 3814, Allen Jenckes, Assistant G. Secretary, salary.....	125 00
"	"	" " 3815, C. Bier, Janitor, salary.....	66 66
"	30.	" " 3816, Morton, Butler & Co., window shades, etc.....	17 57
Aug.	3.	" " 3817, Geo. F. Lewis' Son & Co., engravings.	14 45
"	10.	" " 3818, John Medole & Son, books, etc.....	169 60
"	12.	" " 3819, The Westbote Co., printing.....	22 25
"	17.	" " 3820, Associated Firemen's Insurance Co., insurance on plates.....	15 00
"	18.	" " 3821, J. C. Underwood, postage.....	62 73
"	"	" " 3822, John Medole & Son, books.....	57 88



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Aug. 18.	Warrant No. 3823, Geo. F. Lewis' Son & Co., Cards.....	\$53 20
" 19.	" " 3824, J. Medole & Son, books.....	104 70
" 20.	" " 3825, J. Medole & Son, books.....	73 66
" "	" " 3826, Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary, expenses.	120 87
" "	" " 3827, Theo. A. Ross, G. Secretary, salary..	625 00
" "	" " 3828, Allen Jenckes, Assistant G. Secretary, salary.....	125 00
" "	" " 3829, C. Bier, Janitor, salary.....	66 66
" "	" " 3830, Isaac A. Sheppard, G. Treasurer, salary .....	500 00
Total .....		<u>\$44,639 03</u>
Aug. 20.	By cash balance.....	25,819 06
Total aggregate.....		<u>\$70,458 09</u>

## AVAILABLE ASSETS.

The available assets of the Sovereign Grand Lodge are as follows:  
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Aug. 20.	Balance in treasury.....	\$25,819 06
	United States $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. registered bonds, par.....	13,300 00
	United States $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. coupon bonds, par.....	40,000 00
	United States 4 per cent. coupon bonds, par.....	2,500 00
Total available assets.....		<u>\$81,619 06</u>
Fraternally submitted,		

ISAAC A. SHEPPARD,

Philadelphia, September, 1887.

*Grand Treasurer.*

Rep. MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania, moved that the report be referred to the Committee on Finance, which was agreed to.

The Grand Secretary submitted the following:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

As required by law, the following documents were transmitted to Bro. JOHN W. STEBBINS, Chairman of Committee on Appeals:

1. Appeal of C. JACOBS, from the action of the Grand Lodge of California.
2. Appeal of MILTON N. WEBBER, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana.
3. Appeal of P. H. STEARNS, from the action of Grand Canton Worcester, No. 3, Patriarchs Militant, Worcester, Massachusetts.
4. Appeal of St. Anastasia Mesnil Lodge, No. 46, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana.
5. Appeal of ALEXANDER MORTON, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Delaware.
6. Appeal of ALEXANDER MORTON, from the action of the Grand Encampment of Delaware.
7. Reply of Reynolds Encampment, No. 3, Delaware, to the appeal of ALEXANDER MORTON.
8. Appeal of Hanover Lodge, No. 327, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.
9. Reply of Fairfax Lodge, No. 8, Delaware, to the appeal of ALEXANDER MORTON.
10. Appeal of JAMES STARKEY, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

11. Appeal of HENRY F. ROOS, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

12. Appeal of JAMES GODWIN, from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York.

13. Memorial of W. H. WELDON, of Lower Provinces, requesting a decision on his appeal presented in 1886.

14. Appeal of A. J. SMITH and others, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

All Constitutions, By-Laws and other documents relating to above appeals, received at this office, were forwarded to the chairman of the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

THEO. A. ROSS, *Grand Secretary*.

The Grand Secretary submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted at the annual session, held at Grand Forks, May 17th, 18th and 19th, 1887, and are hereby submitted for your approval, viz.:

Rep. A. E. CLOUGH, Past Grand Master, from the Committee on Rebekah Lodges, made the following report, which was adopted:

*To the Grand Lodge of Dakota, I. O. O. F.:*

Your committee to whom was referred that part of the report of the Grand Secretary relating to the Rebekah Degree, have had the same under consideration, and would recommend the abolition of the use of the old Rebekah Degree Ritual, by our Subordinate Lodges, subject to the approval of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, inasmuch as none but the Rebekah Lodges are permitted to use the Revised Ritual of this degree.

Your committee would offer the following resolutions and recommend their adoption, viz :

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby authorized and instructed to furnish to all new Lodges, hereafter organized, one copy of the bound Journal, in lieu of a Rebekah Degree Ritual, as heretofore furnished with the list of supplies accompanying the Charter.

*Resolved*, That all Subordinate Lodges that now have the old Rebekah Rituals, shall be allowed to return them to the Grand Secretary, and receive a credit therefor of \$1 per copy; *provided*, the Sovereign Grand Lodge approves this resolution, and will allow this Grand Lodge a like credit for each book so received and burned by the Grand Secretary.

ABBOTT G. SMITH, *Grand Master*.

Attest: RALPH R. BRIGGS, *Grand Secretary*.

Also, the following, which were referred to the Committee on Constitutions:

Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Dakota.

Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Oregon.

Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

Amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Dakota.

Amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Nebraska.

Amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Oregon.

By-Laws of Hijos del Trabajo Lodge, No. 7, Cuba.



The following were approved by the Grand Sire:

By-Laws of Havana Lodge, No. 4, Cuba.  
 By-Laws of Tahlequah Lodge, No. 4, Indian Territory.  
 By-Laws of Albuquerque Lodge, No. 1, New Mexico.  
 By-Laws of Gem City Lodge, No. 7, New Mexico.  
 By-Laws of Raton Lodge, No. 8, New Mexico.  
 By-Laws of Floral Encampment, No. 2, Arizona.  
 Amended By-Laws of Pocahontas Lodge, No. 2, Indian Territory.  
 Amended By-Laws of Las Vegas Lodge, No. 4, New Mexico.  
 Amended By-Laws of Chalaco Lodge, No. 4, Peru.  
 Amended By-Laws of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Sandwich Islands.  
 Amended By-Laws of Las Vegas Encampment, No. 2, New Mexico.

Also, the following applications for Charters, which were referred to the Committee on Petitions:

Grand Lodge of New Mexico.  
 Alberta Encampment, No. 1, Alberta, Canada.  
 Floral Encampment, No. 2, Arizona.  
 Albuquerque Encampment, No. 4, New Mexico.  
 Wasatch Encampment, No. 3, Utah.  
 Hijos del Trabajo Lodge, No. 7, Cuba.  
 Concorde Lodge, No. 1, France, Europe.  
 The Percha Lodge, No. 9, New Mexico.  
 Fidelity Lodge, No. 10, New Mexico.  
 Veritas Lodge, No. 2, Sweden, Europe.  
 Naomi Degree Lodge, No. 1, Daughters of Rebekah, New Mexico.

Warrants for which were issued during the recess.

Grand Encampment of Utah.

For which a Warrant has not been issued.

Returns of institution of

Independence Degree Lodge, No. 2, Daughters of Rebekah, Indian Territory.

Regla Lodge, No. 6, Cuba.

For which Charters were granted at the last session.

Also, the annual reports of the several Grand and Subordinate Bodies for the year 1886, which were referred to the Committee on Returns.

Also, the following:

Petition for the removal of Atoka Lodge, No. 5, Indian Territory, and a protest against the same.

Petition for removal of Cyclone Lodge, No. 3, Indian Territory, and a protest against the same.

Petition of Push-ma-ta-ha Encampment, No. 2, Indian Territory, to remove from Atoka to Lehigh.

Petition of Fraternidad Universal Lodge, No. 2, Cuba, to remove from Guana-bacoa to Havana.

Petition of America Lodge, No. 5, Cuba, to remove from Regla to Havana.

Petition of T. B. ROBINSON, of California.

Which were referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Reply of SAMUEL F. GWINNER, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative, counsel for T. B. ROBINSON, P. G., to the report of L. D. FREER, Grand Representative, chairman of a committee of the Grand Lodge of California, in the case of the said T. B. ROBINSON, P. G.

Rep. SEMMES, of Alabama, moved the following, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the argument by P. G. Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, on behalf of Bro. T. B. ROBINSON, of Templar Lodge, of California, be referred to a Special Committee of three, to report whether such argument is discourteous to this Grand Lodge, and as to whether the same should be allowed to go to the committee to which the petition may be referred, or distributed upon the floor of this Grand Lodge.

The Chair named the committee as follows:

Reps. SEMMES, of Alabama; RYLEY, of Nebraska; TUCKER, of Washington.

The Grand Secretary submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Business:

GRAND LODGE, LOWER PROVINCES, B. N. A.,  
OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY.

Halifax, August 19th, 1887.

THEO. A. ROSS, Esq., *Grand Secretary, Columbus, Ohio*:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—Enclosed I hand you an extract from the minutes of our Grand Lodge and the memorial referred to, for presentation to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, at its approaching meeting at Denver, Colorado. The memorial was drawn up by a committee appointed for that purpose, submitted to the Grand Lodge, adopted and ordered to be transmitted.

Fraternally and truly yours,

J. C. P. FRAZEE, *Grand Secretary*.

GRAND LODGE, LOWER PROVINCES, B. N. A.,  
OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY.

Halifax, August 19th, 1887.

Extract from minutes.

Rep. WATTS, Grand Representative, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, In the opinion of this Grand Lodge it would tend to the more rapid growth and general advantage of the Order if candidates otherwise duly qualified might, at eighteen years and upwards, be accepted for membership in Subordinate Lodges; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge memorialize the Sovereign Grand Lodge, asking that Body to enact such a change in the Constitution of its Subordinates as will make the question of age of candidates, if over eighteen, a question for local legislation.

Certified copy:

J. C. P. FRAZEE, *Grand Secretary*.

THE MEMORIAL OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE LOWER PROVINCES OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA, I. O. O. F., UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED AT NEW GLASGOW, AUGUST 11th, 1887.

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

This memorial fraternally submits, as the opinion of the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces of British North America, that the best interests of the Order



would be served and its prosperity advanced if candidates for admission to the Order might be received at eighteen years of age.

This Grand Lodge, therefore, respectfully asks of the Sovereign Grand Lodge that such necessary legislation be had as will give to its Subordinate Bodies power to establish, by local enactment, the age at which (not less than eighteen) candidates for admission to the Order may be received.

J. L. STEWART, *Grand Master*.

J. C. P. FRAZEE, *Grand Secretary*.

Also, the following, which were referred to the Committee on Finance:

I. O. O. F. OF NEW MEXICO,  
OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER.

Las Vegas, N. M., Sept. 9th, 1887.

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

I respectfully petition and pray the Sovereign Grand Lodge to remit to the Grand Lodge of New Mexico the dues of the Subordinate Lodges in the Territory, from January 1st, 1887, to September 7th, 1887, the date of the institution of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico.

See the cases of the Grand Encampments of Washington and Montana, (Journal of 1884, pp. 9638, 9677, 9754, 9803,) and several others previous to that session.

Fraternally,

A. C. SLOAN, *Grand Master*.

P. H. KUHN, *Grand Secretary*.

I. O. O. F.,  
GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,  
GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

Victoria, B. C., August 18th, 1887.

*To the Officers and Representatives of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.:*

DEAR SIRs AND BROTHERS—Acting under instructions contained in a resolution of the last session of this Grand Lodge, I beg most respectfully to request that you will be pleased to remit the Representative tax charged against this Grand Body for the present year.

I very much regret to state that the reasons which have been presented to you, in support of similar applications in past years, still exist. We have at the present time nine Lodges in this jurisdiction, and hope, before next year, to be in a position to send a Grand Representative to your assembly.

I have the honor to be, dear sir and Brothers,

Yours fraternally,

FREDERICK DAVEY, *Grand Secretary*.

PETITION TO THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F.

Your petitioner, the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia, respectfully represents that at the last session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge we presented a petition requesting the refunding of \$75, Representative tax for the year 1884, when this Grand Encampment was not represented.

This request was refused, as we believe, under a misapprehension of the facts governing the case, and in conflict with the many precedents established by your Honorable Body in like cases.

Entertaining the highest confidence in the wisdom and justice of your Honorable Body, and being convinced that it is your purpose to treat all Subordinate Grand Bodies with equal justice and impartiality, and that owing to some

unfortunate misunderstanding of the facts and precedents, you have unintentionally failed to grant us the measure of justice to which we are entitled, we hereby renew our petition for the refunding of the Representative tax for the year 1884.

We have carefully investigated the facts relating to the failure of our Representative to attend the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at Minneapolis, in 1884, and find that he was prevented from attending by the urgent demands of his private business, which required his personal supervision.

Our Representative, Hon. JOHN T. GIVEN, was first elected in the year 1871, and was six times re-elected, and continued to be a member of the Sovereign Grand Lodge until July, 1885, when he was compelled, by his private business interests, to decline a re-election, very much to the regret of this Grand Encampment.

During his long service in your Honorable Body, Bro. GIVEN attended every session until 1884, and served on many important committees with rare intelligence and fidelity, and, on many occasions, at great sacrifice to his personal interests.

Bro. GIVEN is one of the most extensive coal dealers in this city, and in September, 1884, it so happened that he was daily in receipt of vast cargoes of coal by ships, canal boats and cars, and his personal attention to the details of his business was absolutely necessary and could not be dispensed with, and prevented his attendance at that session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and this Grand Encampment, without any fault or neglect on its part, was unexpectedly left without representation at that session.

If our Representative had attended the session of 1884, he would have been entitled to \$156.10 as mileage and per diem, or \$31.10 in excess of the Representative tax, and the Sovereign Grand Lodge, after refunding the \$75 tax to this Grand Encampment, will still have saved \$31.10 by the non-attendance of our Representative.

The only legal question involved in this case is whether a Subordinate Grand Body not represented shall be taxed for representation.

That there shall be no taxation without representation, is a time-honored axiom of Odd Fellowship, which is sustained by an unbroken current of authority.

Journal G. L. U. S., 1842, Vol. I., p. 502; Journal G. L. U. S., 1865, Vol. V., p. 3806; Journal S. G. L., 1883, Vol. XI., pp. 9419-64; Journal S. G. L., 1883, Vol. XI., pp. 9425-66; Journal S. G. L., 1886, pp. 10,525-10,060.

Your Honorable Body has gone still further in illustration of the just principle of no taxation without representation, by refunding on all occasions the Representative tax to Subordinate Grand Jurisdictions, where the number of Subordinates did not entitle Representatives to be paid mileage and per diem.

Journal G. L. U. S., 1876, Vol. IX., p. 7097; Journal G. L. U. S., 1878, Vol. IX., pp. 7315, 7768, 7834; Journal S. G. L., 1880, Vol. X., pp. 8424-8482; Journal S. G. L., 1885, pp. 10,086-10,172; Journal S. G. L., 1885, pp. 10,139-10,185; Journal S. G. L., 1885, p. 10,184.

The Grand Lodge of the United States always exercised the right to remit or refund the Representative tax.

Journal G. L. U. S., Vol. I., pp. 218, 219, 253-334; Journal G. L. U. S., Vol. VII., pp. 5152-5184; Journal G. L. U. S., Vol. V., p. 3806.

In consideration of the premises, we respectfully ask that the Representative tax for the year 1884 be refunded to this Grand Encampment, or that we may be credited with the same on our account for the year 1888.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT, I. O. O. F.

Washington, D. C., September 5th, 1887.

At the regular annual session of the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia, held in the city of Washington, on the nineteenth day of July A. D. 1887, the foregoing petition was unanimously adopted.



Witness our hands and the seal of the Grand Encampment, this fifth day of September, A. D. 1887.

[SEAL]

T. WALTER FOWLER, *Grand Patriarch*.  
JOS. BURROUGHS, *Grand Scribe*.

The jurisdictions were called for the presentation of business, when

Rep. HIRST, of Delaware, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order :

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order be instructed to inquire into the expediency and propriety of providing suitable odes, accompanied with appropriate music, for the Subordinate Encampments, to be used according to the permissive notes found in the Subordinate Encampment Charge Book, and in lieu of, or in connection with, those odes already provided for the purpose; also, the propriety of publishing the same as an appendix to the Subordinate Encampment Charge Book. The odes and music to be furnished to Subordinates in the same manner as are other supplies.

Rep. GOODWIN, of Georgia, by direction of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, expressed by unanimous vote thereof at the annual session of 1887, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation :

*Resolved*, That the subject-matter of changing the present regalia of the Order, for members of Grand and Subordinate Lodges, be referred to a Special Committee of five to prepare and submit an amendment to Article XXII. of By-Laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, providing for a neat and suitable badge instead of the cumbersome and expensive regalia now in use.

Rep. KENNER, of Indiana, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah :

GRAND SIRE—By instructions of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Indiana, and the Annual Convention of the Daughters of Rebekah of Indiana, we hereby present to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., the following form of burial ceremony for a Daughter of Rebekah, as prepared by a distinguished Daughter of Rebekah, and ask its adoption, and ask that it be referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah.

J. B. KENNER, *G. Rep.*,  
C. B. COOPER, *G. Rep.*,  
JOHN F. WILDMAN, *G. Rep.*,  
F. R. A. JETER, *G. Rep.*

FORM OF BURIAL CEREMONY FOR A DAUGHTER OF REBEKAH.

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BY MRS. LOUISE B. HALL, OF EVANSVILLE, INDIANA.

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[Upon the death of a Sister, it shall be the duty of the Secretary, by direction of the Noble Grand, if agreeable to the family, to call the Lodge together one hour previous to the time fixed for the funeral. The Noble Grand will an-

nounce the purpose of the meeting and appoint a Marshal and six pall-bearers. The Marshal will form a procession in order of seniority, the Noble Grand and Vice Grand and Supporters being in the rear, and proceed to the residence, in vehicles or otherwise. Each member must wear the funeral rosette on the left shoulder, and their dresses of as uniform color as convenient.

After the services at the house have been concluded, the Marshal will cause the body to be placed in such position as will enable the Sisters to pass with locked fingers over the corpse. Upon arrival at the cemetery, the Marshal will re-form his line by twos, in open order and inward faced. The corpse, borne by the pall-bearers, preceded by the minister and the Chaplain of the Lodge, followed by the mourners and friends, will pass through the open line to the grave. The rear of the line will follow them, reversing the line by an inward countermarch, and will form in a circle around the grave. If the minister desires to hold further service at the grave, he shall have precedence. After he has concluded, the Noble Grand will step to the head of the grave and say:]

#### CEREMONY.

NOBLE GRAND.—It is needless to refer to the object of our gathering together to-day at the grave of our departed friend and Sister. The lifeless form before us tells too plainly the cause; the silent lips speak too truly the sad mission and duty which we are called upon to perform.

"The Lord hath given and the Lord hath taken away: blessed be the name of the Lord."

Death enters an unbidden guest in every home, and at his spectral bidding some loved one goes forth to her or his mysterious home. One by one the dearest treasures are plucked from our household band; and at the mandate of his will the young, the middle-aged, the ripe in years obey the summons. We have seen human life blown away as chaff before the wind; we have seen the brightest, fairest life—the proudest manhood—suddenly blighted by his withering touch; the domestic circle rent in twain; the fireside scattered; the aged, like the beautiful setting sun, after a career of honor and usefulness, gradually and peacefully sink into rest.

Thus our Sister has reached the end of life's journey, and while we are assembled to-day to pay our last loving tribute of affection, and mingle our sympathetic tears with this stricken family—to resign to the bosom of its mother earth all that remains of her whom we knew and loved as a Sister—we bow in humble submission to the will of an Allwise Father, who doth not afflict His children willingly; but like a Father pitying them, calls them nearer to His side, and shelters them within His fold.

While we revere the memory of our departed Sister, and cherish her virtues, we also recall her many deeds of love and kindness upon the altar of charity; her peaceful, gentle influence in the home circle, which was the throne of her virtues. And a voice whispers to us, our life is but a vapor, a dream, a shadow that passeth away.

Farewell, then, our Sister, farewell! Go, meet thy God who has called thee home, and who has been thy stay, thy comfort and guide through life; and whose love didst sustain thee and soften thy dying pillow. Thou hast cast aside the burdens and cares of life; its joys, its sorrows, its misfortunes, its pains. Thou hast passed away like a weary dove to its sheltering nest. Thy spirit has flown to its haven of rest.

Farewell! till time shall be no more; farewell, till the final summons shall call thee forth in life and beauty.

[The Vice Grand will step forward, and, after delivering the following, will cast in the grave a sprig of evergreen. The members will move around in a circle, and as they pass the head (or foot) of the grave will do the same:]

VICE GRAND.—To the grave we bring our sweetest tokens of remembrance, nature's own offering, the evergreen. In these falling leaves we behold our



own natures, tossed and torn by the rude and stormy winds of life, and at last fall under the keen sickle of Death; and while we deposit this emblem in token of resurrected life, dear Sister, we here forget all errors and cherish all thy fairest virtues, which we enshrine in our hearts forever.

[All will join in singing the following:]

#### HYMN.

Sister, thou wast mild and lovely,  
Gentle as the summer breeze,  
Pleasant as the air of evening  
When it floats among the trees.

Peaceful be thy silent slumber,  
Peaceful in the grave so low,  
Thou no more shalt join our number,  
Thou no more our songs shalt know.

Yet again we hope to meet thee,  
When the day of life hath flown,  
And in heaven we hope to greet thee,  
Where no farewell tear is known.

#### PRAYER.

CHAPLAIN.—Almighty God, Author of all good, and Father of all mercies; in Thy wise Providence Thou hast seen fit to remove a Sister from our midst. A mother (daughter or wife) from her home circle. Help us, in this sad bereavement, to recognize Thy omnipotent power, and Thy allwise dispensations. Let this grief and sorrow bring us nearer to our own duty and closer to Thee, and enable us to accept this affliction as a voice from the Great Master.

Into Thy hands we commit the soul of our departed friend and Sister, and to Thy Fatherly care we commend this afflicted, sorrowing and stricken family in this dark hour of trial. Be Thou their comfort and consolation, and may they lean upon Thy precious promise, that "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." While Thou hast in Thy Providence closed our Sister's earthly career, Thou hast revealed to her the joys of Paradise. While Thou hast severed the tender, loving ties of home, family and friends, Thou hast strengthened the bond in Heaven. While Thou hast stricken loving hearts, Thou canst heal them with Thine everlasting love. May we who survive receive this lesson with resignation and submission, and be more strongly cemented in the bonds of Friendship, Love and Truth. May the Lord bless and prosper us in every good work, and in all our entire relations of the Sisterhood.

[Response by the Lodge]

THE LODGE.—The Lord lift up His Fatherly countenance upon us, and give us peace for evermore.—AMEN.

Rep. CAPEN, of Maine, by direction of the Grand Lodge of Maine, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

*Resolved*, That the Sovereign Grand Lodge prepare and furnish to Grand and Subordinate Lodges, in the same manner as other supplies, a suitable key to the Unwritten Work.

Rep. ANDERSON, of Manitoba, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

I. O. O. F.,  
GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA,  
OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY.

Brandon, Man., September 3d, 1887.

If a Brother who holds a certificate of membership in an Odd Fellows' Beneficial Association, constitutes his Lodge his beneficiary, can the Lodge, by By-Laws, pay the assessments thereon, out of its general fund?

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy.

E. G. WISWELL, *Grand Secretary.*

Rep. STROUSE, of Minnesota, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation :

#### MEMORIAL.

IN SESSION AT WABASHA, June 6th and 7th, 1887.

CHARLES A. LAMBERT, Grand Marshal, submitted the following, which was read and referred to the Judiciary Committee:

A Brother wishing to join a Lodge by card, shall have the privilege of making his application, accompanied by a proper Visiting Card, and, if elected, the Secretary of the Lodge shall indorse such Visiting Card, under the seal of the Lodge, in the manner hereinafter prescribed, and send it to the Lodge by which it was granted. The Lodge electing the Brother in such a manner shall assume, and the former Lodge shall be released from, all responsibilities toward the Brother from the time of such election.

#### FORM OF INDORSEMENT.

To ..... Lodge, No. ....:

Bro. A..... B..... has been duly elected a member of ..... Lodge, No. ...., at ....., State of ....., at a regular meeting held this ..... day of ....., 18..... Please grant Bro. A..... B..... a Withdrawal Card, and forward it to the undersigned.

[SEAL.]

....., *Recording Secretary.*

W. G. DYE, Past Grand Representative, from the same committee (Judiciary), submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

"Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred a memorial, as proposed by Bro. CHARLES A. LAMBERT, Grand Marshal, asking the Sovereign Grand Lodge to enact a law to prevent jeopardy of membership, would report, recommending the adoption of the following:

"*Resolved*, That our Grand Representatives in the Sovereign Grand Lodge ask legislation in the following form:

"A Brother, irrespective of age, desiring to change membership from his Lodge to any other, may present his application, in the usual form, to the Lodge he desires to join, without accompanying the same with a Withdrawal Card, stating in the application his present membership and his desire for a change. In case he should be elected, his parent Lodge shall grant him a Withdrawal Card or a Dismissal Certificate (unless he is under charges), severing his membership therein, which the Brother shall immediately deposit in the Lodge to which he has been elected to membership.

"W. G. DYE,  
"ROBERT STRATTON,  
"M. SYRON,  
"Committee."



We hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, I. O. O. F., in the matter therein mentioned, and of the whole thereof.

Witness our hands and the seal of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, I. O. O. F., this ninth day of September, 1887.

J. C. COCKBURN, *Grand Master*,  
A. L. BOLTON, *Grand Secretary*.

Rep. STEVENS, of Minnesota, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Minnesota, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. MACK, of Nevada, submitted the following, which, on his motion, was referred to a Special Committee of nine:

MEMORIAL TO SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F.

—Virginia City, Nev., July 20th, 1887.

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

DEAR SIRs AND BROTHERS—At the twenty-first annual session of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Nevada, held at Virginia City, Nev., on June 21st, 1887, a committee of five was appointed to memorialize your Sovereign Body, asking for the formation of a National Endowment Association for Odd Fellows.

In compliance with our appointment, we seek simply and plainly to set forth the views of our entire jurisdiction upon this subject, and hope our efforts will aid in calling your attention to what we firmly believe is sooner or later to become an important feature in progressive Odd Fellowship.

It is, perhaps, useless for us to set out at length the many strong reasons urged upon the attention of your Honorable Body by far-seeing members of our beloved Order, seeking to secure favorable legislation upon the Endowment feature. To those reasons we can only add our earnest commendation, and we would respectfully ask that the reasons set out in the memorial from the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, found on page 9007 of the Journal of 1882, be considered in connection with this petition.

Grand Secretary Ross, in his annual report of 1886, states that there are more than forty-one Endowment Associations connected in various ways with Odd Fellowship, working under as many different heads and systems, all seeking to make the care of our widows and the education of our orphans as sure and effective as is the care of the sick by our Order.

These numerous organizations clearly show that there is a strong and growing demand for a benefit of this kind in our Order, based upon a sound financial policy, to be carried on under a system similar, in a great measure, to that upon which our Subordinate Grand Lodges are working, under the supervision of our Sovereign Head.

Many of these auxiliary associations are doomed to failure, for the reason that many of the smaller jurisdictions are not numerically strong enough to sustain themselves; hence, the absolute necessity of our Sovereign Grand Lodge to gather these small sticks into one strong bundle, thus sending succor to many jurisdictions that are struggling to maintain an existence against the aggressive march of other fraternal organizations, which are, by the use of the Endowment Fund, outstripping us in the race to ameliorate the condition and elevate the character of man.

We are convinced, after careful investigation, that more than fifty per cent. of the members of our Order are insured in some insurance company or in some other fraternal organization. This fact itself should demand your consideration. Why not furnish this benefit in Odd Fellowship instead of driving thou-

sands of our members into other organizations to secure what they cannot now obtain in Odd Fellowship?

We earnestly petition your Honorable Body to organize a National Endowment feature, under the supervision and control of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and by so doing we believe you will be adding immense financial strength to our Order, relieving the smaller and weaker jurisdictions and Lodges of a burden they are unable to bear; make the care of the widow and the education of the orphan a fact in Odd Fellowship instead of a byword and reproach; enable Odd Fellows to make their widows and orphans independent; win back hundreds—aye, thousands—of Odd Fellows who have wandered away to other Orders, and make Odd Fellowship a world of humanity in itself.

C. E. MACK, *Grand Representative*,  
D. O. ADKISON, *Past Grand Master*,  
GEO. HENNING, *Past Grand Master*,  
JACOB YOUNG, *Past Grand*,  
B. F. WALLACE, *Grand Secretary*.

I hereby certify that the foregoing memorial was prepared in accordance with instructions given by the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the State of Nevada, at its session held June 21st, 1887.

[SEAL]

Attest: B. F. WALLACE, *Grand Secretary*.

The Grand Sire announced the committee as follows:

Reps. CRICHLAW, of Tennessee; HILL, of Rhode Island; HART, of Mississippi; COTTON, of New Hampshire; JAMES, of Michigan; GIBSON, of Nebraska; OSTRANDER, of Washington; NEWSALT, of Minnesota; ELLINGHAM, of West Virginia.

Rep. HEITMAN, of Nevada, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Nevada, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. MACK, of Nevada, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. MACK, of Nevada, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F., OF NEVADA,  
OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY.

Virginia City, Nev., Sept. 10th, 1887.

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS—I hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the action taken and resolutions passed by the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Nevada, at its twenty-first annual communication, held in Virginia City, Nevada, on the twenty-first day of June, 1887, petitioning for the adoption of an official receipt in lieu of the Visiting Card, to wit:

"The following resolutions of C. E. MACK were, on motion of D. O. ADKISON, Past Grand Master, adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Nevada, I. O. O. F., is in favor of doing away with the present cumbersome Visiting Card and adopting an official receipt for dues in its place; said receipt to be issued by the Sovereign Grand



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Lodge, I. O. O. F., at a cost sufficient to insure a greater revenue to that Body than is now received from the sale of the Visiting Card.

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Nevada, I. O. O. F., earnestly petition the Sovereign Grand Lodge to adopt and issue the following form of official receipt, or one equally as simple, to wit:

No.....	Official Receipt for Dues. Not genuine unless bearing on its back the signature of the Grand Secretary and Seal of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.	No..... Lodge, No..., I. O. O. F., of.....
.....18...		.....18...
Rec'd of Bro.....		Received of Brother.....
.....		Dues from....., 18 , to....., 18 , \$.....
Dues to.....18..., \$.....		.....
.....		Sick Benefits paid by this Lodge, per week, \$.....
.....		Funeral Benefit, - - - - - \$.....
.....		.....N. G.
..... Secretary.		SEAL OF SUBORDINATE LODGE. .....Secretary.

The size of the Official Receipt to be 6 by 3 inches and 3 by 2½ inches.

## REVERSE SIDE.

	<p>.....</p> <p>Fac-simile of Grand Secretary's signature.</p>	<p>.....</p> <p>Signature of holder.</p>

"Resolved, That on its adoption, the official receipt shall have the same force and value as the Visiting Card, and may be used to the same extent for purposes of visitation, and shall be held to be such a 'proper card' as is required by Article XVI., Section 1, of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

[SEAL.]

"C. E. MACK, Representative of No. 10.

"Attest: B. F. WALLACE, Grand Secretary."

Rep. KIGER, of New Jersey, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation :

*Resolved*, That State Grand Lodges and Encampments may provide, by constitutional enactment, for the erection and maintenance of homes for aged and indigent Odd Fellows.

Rep. DILKS, of New York, submitted the following, which were referred to the Committee on Legislation :

At the annual session of the Grand Lodge of New York, held in New York city, August 18th, 1887, the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That our Grand Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be requested to use all honorable means to have a law passed to the effect that a Subordinate Lodge may defray, from its general fund, the expense of celebrating either its own or the Order's anniversary; *provided, however*, that only one of these anniversaries should be so paid for in any one calendar year."

A true extract from the minutes.

JAS. TERWILLIGER, *Grand Secretary*.

At the annual session of the Grand Lodge of New York, held in New York city, August 18th, 1887, the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be requested to earnestly urge such action by said Sovereign Body, as they may deem expedient, in perfecting and adopting a memorial service for the I. O. O. F., to be used in a Lodge-room or public hall in commemorating the virtues and services of deceased members."

A true extract from the minutes.

JAS. TERWILLIGER, *Grand Secretary*.

At the annual session of the Grand Lodge of New York, held in New York city on August 17th, 1887, the following resolutions were adopted :

*Resolved*, That it is the judgment of this Grand Lodge, that the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall enact such legislation as will accomplish the following results :

"Give to Rebekah Degree Lodges a new form of installation of officers more suitable to their organization and work than that now in use, and one which will permit installing officers to associate with themselves lady Past Noble Grands to fill the several positions in the installation of officers of Rebekah Degree Lodges; but that no changes be made in the present Ritual, only so far as to remove from it any parts solely intended for Subordinate Lodges, and a re-arrangement of the paragraphs thereby made necessary.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Representatives from this Grand Body are hereby requested to properly present this subject in the Sovereign Grand Lodge."

A true extract from the Journal.

JAS. TERWILLIGER, *Grand Secretary*.

Rep. DEUBERT, of New York, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

At the annual session of the Grand Encampment of New York, held in the city of Buffalo, on the twenty-third day of February, 1887, the following report was adopted :



*To the Grand Encampment of the State of New York:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. EMANUEL, to wit:

"*Resolved*, That the Representatives from this Grand Encampment to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, bring to the attention of that Grand Body the fact that several new Cantons have been chartered within this jurisdiction, without the consent, approval, or recommendation of either the Grand Encampment or Standing Committee, and that the decision of that Grand Body be requested, whether the Lieutenant-General has any authority so to do, under the law creating the Degree of the Patriarchs Militant"—

Would respectfully report that they have investigated the facts and circumstances referred to in said resolution, and find them to be substantially as follows:

Sometime during the year past a new Canton has been chartered at Utica, by authority of the Lieutenant-General alone—no recommendation by this Grand Body, or Board of Grand Officers, or any member of it, having been asked or obtained; also, one at Seneca Falls, under the same circumstances and by the same authority, and no other; also, one at Yonkers, with no other authority than the Lieutenant General, except in the case last named, in which the Grand Patriarch gave his consent, with the understanding that the same should be approved by the other members of the Standing Committee or Board of Grand Officers, before the same should become operative.

All three of these Cantons are located in the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of New York.

Under the law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, as understood by your committee, the Lieutenant General has no power or authority to issue warrants and establish Cantons in any Grand Jurisdiction without "the recommendation of the Grand Encampment, if in session at the time, otherwise to be certified by the Board of Grand Officers, if there be such a board, and if not, by the Grand Patriarch of the jurisdiction, subject to the approval of this Grand Encampment." This Grand Jurisdiction has such a Board of Grand Officers. The Grand Patriarch, therefore, has no authority, as such, to certify for the establishment of any Canton, and your committee deem the above institution of said Cantons to be without any warrant of law.

They, therefore, recommend the adoption of the resolution of Rep. EMANUEL, and that the Grand Representatives use their influence to secure a permanent remedy against such irregularities in the future by the action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STEBBINS,      JAMES T. ERWIN,  
E. H. VAN DOORN      GEO. HASKINS.

A true extract from the Journal:

JAS. TERWILLIGER, *Grand Scribe*.

Rep. VAN DEMAN, of Ohio, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. MACDIARMID, of Ontario, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

Amend Article XXII. of the By-Laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, by adding thereto the following:

"At sessions of Grand Bodies, in lieu of any regalia hereinbefore described, a ribbon of the color of the highest degree the member has attained may be worn, having attached thereto any jewel which he is entitled or required to wear."

Rep. CAMPBELL, of Ontario, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation :

*Resolved*, That Grand Bodies which have adopted a representative system for legislative purposes, are hereby authorized to enact such laws as shall confine the voting for their Grand Officers to Representatives.

Rep. CAMPBELL, of Ontario, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

*Resolved*, That the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall issue a Receipt Card, in form following:

RECEIPT CARD, I. O. O. F.		
No.....	{ SEAL S. G. L. }	.....No..... \$.....
		.....18...
\$.....		Received \$.....being the dues to.....18...
Bro .....	Fac-simile of Grand Secretary's Signature.	of Bro.....a member of the.....
Dues to		degree in this..... By the By-Laws
		of this.....he will be entitled to \$ .....
		per week, sick benefits, and \$.....
		funeral benefits, until the.....
.....18...		day of.....18...
	{ SEAL SUBORD. }	.....
		Sec. (or Scribe.)

That the Receipt Card shall have the same effect and value as a Visiting Card, and may be used to the same extent for purposes of visitation ; and shall be held to be such a "proper card" as is required by Article XVI., Section 1, Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

That the Committee on Printing Supplies be instructed to have printed a supply of Receipt Cards for Lodges and Encampments, which shall be sold to Subordinate Grand Bodies at an advance of not more than 30 per cent. on cost ; and at a price not exceeding 75 cents per book of 250 receipts.

Rep. DUTEMPLE, of Rhode Island, as instructed by the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah :

*Resolved*, That hereafter the Degree of Rebekah shall be exclusively conferred by Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah.

*Resolved*, That the law requiring elective officers of Subordinate Lodges to have obtained the Degree of Rebekah be repealed.

*Resolved*, That all laws inconsistent with the above be repealed.



Rep. DEMARS, of South Carolina, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Charleston, S. C., September 1st, 1887.

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

BRETHREN—I am instructed by the Grand Encampment of South Carolina to ask that the Representative tax due from said Grand Encampment for the past three years be remitted. It is respectfully represented to your Honorable Body that, in consequence of the impoverishment of our Grand Encampment, it has been for some years, and still is, in no condition to send a Representative to your Grand Body, and we have been in that time, and are to-day, without representation. The earthquake of August 31st, 1886, still further crippled our resources. Under these circumstances it is confidently hoped that the Grand Encampment of South Carolina will be relieved from said obligation.

[SEAL]

J. E. MEYER, *Grand Patriarch*.

Attest: ROBERT C. STARR, M.D., *Grand Scribe*.

Rep. CLARK, of Wisconsin, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

*Resolved*, That Lady Past Grands may act as Grand Wardens at installations in Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, and may be appointed District Deputies for such Lodges.

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

*Resolved*, That the law as set forth in Section 87 of the Digest of the Sovereign Grand Lodge be amended by inserting after the words "or dependent relatives of the deceased," the words "and persons upon whom the deceased were dependent at the time of death," so that Section 87 be amended to read as follows, to wit: "The only persons who are beneficiaries of a funeral benefit are the widow, orphan or dependent relatives of the deceased, and persons upon whom the deceased were dependent at the time of death, and dependent relatives are relatives who are members of the family of the deceased, and who were dependent upon the deceased for support at the time of his death."

Rep. SHRIVER, of West Virginia, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of West Virginia, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. FREER, of California, submitted the memorial of the Grand Lodge of California in the matter of Templar Lodge, No. 17, and T. B. ROBINSON, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. MINTA, of California, under instructions of the Grand Lodge of California, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

*Resolved*, That the Sovereign Grand Lodge adopt some suitable form of burial service that may be used by Rebekah Degree Lodges on the burial of a deceased Sister thereof.



Rep. RANDALL, of California, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

*Resolved*, That the mileage to officers and Representatives at this session be fixed at ten cents per mile one way by the nearest possible traveled route, and that per diem be fixed at \$5 per day, computed for the actual time required for transit to and fro from the residence of the officer or Representative, by the shortest possible traveled routes, in addition to daily attendance.

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of ALEXANDER MORTON, from the decision of the Grand Encampment of Delaware, respectfully report that, after a careful examination of all the papers submitted to them, they find the following facts:

*First.* Prior to September 22d, 1885, Bro. MORTON had, for a long time, been upon the sick list of Reynolds Encampment, No. 3, I. O. O. F., of the jurisdiction of Delaware, when, by order of the Encampment, two physicians were employed to examine Bro. MORTON, under Section 3 of Article XX. of the By-Laws of the Encampment, which reads as follows:

"SEC. 3. Should the Committee of Relief believe that any Patriarch applying for weekly benefits is not so sick or disabled as to prevent him from following his usual occupation, the question of his sickness or disability shall be referred to one or more respectable physicians, to be appointed by the Encampment, whose decision shall be final."

*Second.* Drs. GRIMSHAW and NEGENDANK, one an allopathic and the other a homœopathic physician, made the examination, certified that they found no organic disease, and that he could perform light labor, and one of them stated that, in his opinion, he should be able to attend to any ordinary manual labor. These certificates bear date September 24th, 1885.

*Third.* Upon these certificates, the Encampment declared him off the sick list on the thirteenth of October, 1885, the date of their presentation to the Lodge, from the twenty-fourth of September, the date of the certificates.

*Fourth.* Copies of these certificates were furnished Bro. MORTON November 24th, 1885.

*Fifth.* December 22d, 1885, Bro. MORTON sent a communication concerning his health to the Encampment, accompanied by certificates of ten physicians, to wit.: Drs. GOODMAN, DEEVER, AGNEW, THOMAS, MACFARLAN and MOHR, of Philadelphia, and Drs. BULLOCK, DRAPER, ISAIAH LUKENS and J. PAUL LUKENS, of Wilmington, dates running from November 2d to December 10th, 1885, all stating that he had a disease of the spine, six of whom state unqualifiedly that it incapacitates him from physical or manual labor.

*Sixth.* These were read to the Encampment, and, by vote of the Encampment, they, with his communication, were returned to him, accompanied by the statement that the Encampment declined to re-open the case.

*Seventh.* January 26th, 1886, Bro. MORTON sent the following communication to the Encampment:

"*To Reynolds Encampment, No. 3, I. O. O. F.:*

"SIRS AND BROTHERS—I am disabled to such an extent as to prevent me from following any occupation by which I may gain a living. I therefore report myself on the care of the Encampment.

"Respectfully,

A. MORTON."



*Eighth.* February 16th, 1886, the Relief Committee report finding Patriarch MORTON in the same condition as when examined by Drs. GRIMSHAW and NE-GENDANK, and that, according to his own statement, it was the same sickness.

*Ninth.* The Relief Committee of the Encampment made no further investigation or inquiry, and had before them, so far as appears, no other evidence of Bro. MORTON's condition than that of the two physicians, of date September 24th, and the *ten* who made their examination between the second of November and tenth of December—between two and three months later.

*Tenth.* Drs. DRAPER and BULLOCK state, in their certificate of date December 10th, that they made an examination of him the fore part of September, 1885, and at that time could not discover anything that would prevent him from engaging in moderate labor, but that at this date they find a slight deformity or protrusion backwards of one of the joints of the spine, not *discoverable* on their former examination, but readily recognizable now, and conclude by saying they do not think he is able to engage in manual labor.

*Eleventh.* Upon this state of facts, the Encampment resolved that Patriarch MORTON, February 16th, 1886, is in the same condition as when examined by the doctors in September, 1885, and refused to place him on the sick list or allow him benefits.

*Twelfth.* From this action of the Encampment, Patriarch MORTON appealed to the Grand Encampment on the twenty-third of February, 1886.

*Thirteenth.* The Grand Encampment sustained the action of the Encampment, and dismissed the appeal, whereupon Bro. MORTON appeals to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

It is manifest that the Encampment proceeded upon the theory that, under Section 3 of its By-Laws above quoted, the examination and conclusion reached by the two physicians appointed to examine Patriarch MORTON September 24th, 1885, was *final*, not only upon his *then* condition, but also as to his condition the remainder of his life, if he complained of the same indisposition as in September, 1885. That though at that time the incipient stages of a disease which he could *feel* were upon him, but had not so far progressed as to be discovered by the examining physicians, and they so certify, yet should the disease *thereafter* assume such definite and manifest form as to be readily discovered by all who made the slightest examination, and absolutely disqualify him from performing any labor, the *first* examination is a bar to his right to benefits, and forecloses him for life from his right thereto.

Upon this theory, and this theory only, of the force of Section 3, did or could the Encampment have refused to entertain his communication and the certificates of the ten physicians sent to the Encampment December 22d, 1885, and returned to him without making them, or even an allusion to them, any part of the Encampment record.

The Appeals Committee of the Grand Encampment and the Grand Encampment evidently took the same view of the force and effect of Section 3 of Article XX., in sustaining the Lodge and dismissing the appeal.

No such construction of Section 3, Article XX., can be intelligently maintained. The most that can be claimed under it is, that the certificates of the physicians are *final* as to the Patriarch's condition up to *the time* of the examination—not afterwards—and when, three months afterwards, Patriarch MORTON stated to the Encampment his then condition, and accompanied it with the certificates of ten respectable physicians, some of them of national reputation, it was the plain duty of the Encampment to have received them, placed them on file, and if not satisfied that they told the truth, to institute such an investigation and obtain such evidence as would justify their rejection.

As the Encampment did not, they must be held as establishing the fact that Patriarch MORTON was entitled to benefits from the time they were presented to the Encampment, December 22d, 1886.

Your committee therefore submit the following:

*Resolved,* That the decision of the Grand Encampment of Delaware and



of Reynolds Encampment, No. 3, be reversed, and the appeal of ALEXANDER MORTON be sustained.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Encampment of Delaware direct Reynolds Encampment, No. 3, to pay ALEXANDER MORTON benefits from the twenty-second day of December, 1885, until such time as, by investigation, of which he shall have notice, and at which he shall be heard, the Encampment shall determine that he has so far recovered from his difficulty as to be able to resume his usual business or otherwise earn a livelihood.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STEBBINS,

W. S. JOHNSON,

J. P. HEISLER,

WM. W. MORRIS,

J. B. GOODWIN,

J. A. GIBSON.

JNO. N. VAN DEMAN,

W. L. KUYKENDALL,

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of ALEXANDER MORTON from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, respectfully report that they have carefully examined all of the papers submitted to them, and find the following facts, and therefore arrive at the subjoined conclusions, to wit:

1. ALEXANDER MORTON, a member of Fairfax Lodge, No. 8, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, had for a long time prior to August 14th, 1885, received benefits as a sick member, at which time the Lodge stopped their payment.

2. August 21st, 1885, the Lodge ordered the employment of a physician to examine Bro. MORTON, and on the fourth of September Dr. WEST, who had been employed for that purpose, sent his certificate to the Lodge, which, not being satisfactory, was returned to him, with a request that he send another, and the Relief Committee was further ordered to employ other physicians.

3. September 11th, certificates from Drs. WEST, DRAPER and BULLOCK were presented to the Lodge, stating in substance that they could discover no organic disease, and that Bro. MORTON could perform moderate labor.

4. On the same day, September 11th, Bro. MORTON was notified that his benefits were stopped from August 14th, and received at the same time copies of the certificates of the physicians.

5. Between two and three months thereafter, and about the twentieth of November, Bro. MORTON sent a communication to the Lodge, stating the condition of his health and that he was unable to perform any labor, accompanied by the certificates of several eminent physicians at Philadelphia and Wilmington, stating that they had examined him and that he had disease of the spine, and was unable to perform manual labor, which the Lodge refused to have read, and returned them to him, and on the tenth of December following he was re examined by Drs. DRAPER and BULLOCK, who had examined him early in September, and upon whose certificates, together with that of Dr. WEST, the Lodge had stopped his benefits.

6. Upon such re-examination they say they find a deformity or protrusion backwards of one of the joints of the spine; that this deformity was not discoverable at their first examination, but after a lapse of three months is readily recognizable now, and they desire to so far modify their former opinion as to say "they do not think he is able to engage in manual labor." This certificate, in addition to those previously presented and rejected by the Lodge, Bro. MORTON sent to the Lodge, which was also refused to be received. Thereafter, on the twelfth of December, 1885, Bro. MORTON appealed from the action of the Lodge to the Grand Lodge.

7. It seems from certificates appended to the returns that Bro. MORTON was



at Philadelphia, under medical treatment for his spinal difficulty, from November 20th, 1886, to some time in June of that year, and that on the fourteenth of April, having procured certificates prior to that, of the medical professors, he sent another written statement of the condition of his health to the Lodge, and on the third of September following, presented a claim for benefits to the Lodge, up to the fifth of July, 1886, which the Lodge refused.

8. He thereupon, on the thirtieth of September, again appealed from the action of the Lodge refusing him benefits. This appeal covered the former amount claimed, and also benefits down to July, 1886.

9. The appeal of December 12th, 1885, was placed in the hands of the D. D. Grand Master by the Grand Secretary, December 15th, 1885, and that of September 30th, 1886, was, on the first of October, 1886, also placed in his hands.

10. The D. D. Grand Master delivered that of December 12th, to the Committee on Appeals, but retained that of September 30th, giving as reasons therefor: 1st. That it was an appeal upon an appeal. 2d. That it was not brought within two months from the time benefits were refused, they being refused and he notified September 11th, more than three months before he brought the first appeal, and more than one year before he brought the second, he is debarred by the statute of limitations from his right to appeal. 3d. That his renewal of a demand for benefits, made September 3d, 1886, cannot avail him, according to White's Digest, 1885, Section 1353, p. 306.

11. The Appeals Committee sustained the action of the Lodge, and on the twenty-second day of June, 1886, Bro. MORTON appealed from the decision of the Committee on Appeals, or served his exceptions thereto.

12. The appeals of Bro. MORTON from the action of Fairfax Lodge, as above stated, were, by the Grand Lodge and the D. D. Grand Master, reported to the Grand Lodge of Delaware at its subsequent session, and were referred to the Committee on Distribution, who reported, recommending that the entire question of the appeal of Bro. MORTON be referred to a Special Committee of five, which was done.

13. The committee report that the decision of the Lodge, declaring Bro. MORTON out of the care of the Lodge, August 13th, 1885, upon the physicians' certificates then before them, was in accordance with the law. They also find that the Lodge should have received the new evidence, heard the Brother and accepted all the evidence bearing upon the case, and offer the following:

"*Resolved*, That Fairfax Lodge re-open the case, consider the evidence from the date of the last certificates of D's. DRAPER and BULLOCK, and also the certificates of Dr. AGNEW and other physicians of Philadelphia."

14. The Grand Lodge then took up the report of the Committee on Appeals, when a motion was made to substitute the resolution of the Special Committee for that of the Appeals Committee.

The Grand Master ruled the resolution, offered as a substitute, out of order, as it was, in effect, an attempt, by resolution, to change a law enacted by the Grand Lodge, which could not be done by resolution.

That law will be found in the uniform Constitution for Subordinates, adopted by the Grand Lodge of Delaware, in 1882, paragraph 63, p. 20, as follows:

"63. Should the Relief Committee, or any member of the Lodge, believe a Brother applying for benefits is not so sick or disabled as to prevent him from following his usual business, or some other occupation by which he can earn a livelihood, the question, by a majority vote, shall be referred to one or more physicians, whose decision shall be final."

15. Under this ruling of the Grand Master, the report of the Appeals Committee was adopted, whereupon Bro. MORTON asked and obtained leave "to appeal to the Sovereign Grand Lodge in the matter of his claim for benefits against Fairfax Lodge, which has been acted on at this session of this Grand Body."

It is quite apparent, from the foregoing detailed statement of the facts in this case, a detail made necessary from the mixed and somewhat complicated character of the proceedings had, that both the Lodge Committee of Appeals



and the Grand Lodge proceeded upon the theory that the above paragraph in the uniform Constitution of Subordinates, when once acted upon and the physicians' certificates obtained, settled and fixed, unalterably, for all future time, the rights of the Brother to benefits growing out of any physical condition that the difficulty under which he was then laboring might induce; that if a member, feeling the effects of a latent disease, and not feeling able to labor, should apply to the Lodge for benefits, and the Lodge, doubting his disability, should appoint one or more physicians to examine him, and they, failing to find any organic disease, should report him able to do manual labor, that is *final*, though in the course of a few months the disease should develop into such malignant form as to be apparent to the most casual observer.

Such was manifestly the view of the Grand Master in ruling that the resolution of the Special Committee, requiring the Lodge to hear evidence of the physicians as to his physical condition two or three months after the first examination, would tend to nullify the paragraph above referred to.

The Lodge erred in not receiving and acting upon the new evidence, as upon a new case, and the Appeals Committee in like manner erred in sustaining the action of the Lodge.

The only effect of the certificates of the physicians of September, 1885, under paragraph 63, giving it the broadest construction of which it is susceptible, was to settle the question as to his right to benefits at that time. His right to benefits thereafter must depend upon his after health. If it continues as good, so that he can labor, he would not be entitled to benefits; if it grows worse, so that even the physicians who examined him before, now say he is diseased and cannot perform labor, he most assuredly is entitled to benefits—and that they have said.

That the Brother claimed too much in his appeal of December 12th, 1885, and also of September 30th, 1886, in going back of the decision of the Lodge upon the certificates of the physicians of September 4th, is no ground for rejecting his claim in November and December, and down to April 14th, as shown by the certificates of the physicians obtained during that period. His communication and the accompanying certificates presented to the Lodge, November 20th, 1885, should have been received and acted upon by the Lodge at that time, and if not satisfied with them, further examination should then have been made. As such examination cannot, after this lapse of time, be made, they must be held to establish the fact of his then condition.

Therefore, your committee submit the following:

*Resolved*, That the decision of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, and of Fairfax Lodge, No. 8, be reversed, and that the appeal of ALEXANDER MORTON be sustained.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Delaware direct Fairfax Lodge, No. 8, to pay to ALEXANDER MORTON benefits from the twentieth day of November, 1885, until such time as, by an investigation—of which he shall have notice, and at which he shall be heard—the Lodge shall determine that he has so far recovered from his difficulty as to be enabled to pursue his usual business, or otherwise earn a livelihood.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STEBBINS,	JNO. N. VAN DEMAN,	WM. S. JOHNSON,
J. B. GOODWIN,	WM. W. MORRIS,	W. L. KUYKENDALL,
J. P. HEISLER,	J. A. GIBSON.	

Rep. HEISLER, of Colorado, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of CHARLES JACOBS from the action of the Grand Lodge of California, respectfully report the facts and conclusions thereon as follows:



It appears that C. JACOBS, on January 28th, 1886, presented his petition for membership, by card, to Mokelumne Lodge, No. 44, of California, and on February 4th, 1886, was balloted for and rejected; that on February 18th, 1886, he again made application for membership in said Lodge, upon which a committee was duly appointed, and the committee was instructed by the Lodge to report forthwith, which it did, and on the same evening the candidate made application the report was acted upon, the candidate balloted for, elected, introduced, signed the Constitution and took his seat as a member of the Lodge.

An appeal was taken by H. C. RAY, a member of the Lodge, to the District Deputy, from the action of the Lodge in thus balloting for and admitting Bro. JACOBS to membership on the same evening of receiving his application, as above stated, as being contrary to the law governing Subordinates in such matters. The appeal was sustained and the Lodge directed to refund the candidate his fee and return him his card.

However, an appeal was taken to the Grand Master of California, who sustained the action of the District Deputy, and the Grand Master was sustained by the Grand Lodge of California, and that body ordered another committee of investigation on the application of Bro. JACOBS in Mokelumne Lodge. The committee was appointed, the applicant again balloted for and rejected, and Bro. JACOBS thereupon appealed to this Grand Body.

It appears from the Constitution of Subordinates in the State of California that, upon the application of a candidate for membership, "the petition shall be referred to a committee, who shall report at the next succeeding regular meeting," etc.

This, it seems, was not done, but the Lodge required the committee to report forthwith, which it did, and upon the same evening the applicant was balloted for and admitted to membership, and signed the Constitution.

That such conduct of the Lodge was a flagrant violation of the laws and rules prescribed for its government, it seems to us there can be no doubt.

But it appears to this committee that Bro. JACOBS' application was presented and he was elected, signed the Constitution of the Lodge and became a member thereof without any fault, fraud or unfairness on his part, and, having thus become a member, he should be entitled to the benefits and privileges of active membership, and cannot be summarily refused admittance to his Lodge in the manner above set forth, notwithstanding the action of the Lodge, in admitting him as it did, was irregular. White's Digest, Sections 668 to 674.

Your committee further suggest that the Grand Lodge of California has full power to punish any violation of the rules and laws provided by it for the government of its Subordinates, and that, in the above case, it would not be improper to exercise such authority.

Your committee therefore offer the following:

*Resolved*, That the appeal of CHARLES JACOBS from the action of the Grand Lodge of California be sustained, and that said Grand Lodge be directed to take such action as will restore the appellant to the rights of membership in said Mokelumne Lodge, No. 44, of that State.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. HEISLER,	J. W. STEBBINS,	J. B. GOODWIN,
WM. S. JOHNSON,	WM. W. MORRIS,	W. L. KUYKENDALL,
JNO N. VAN DEMAN,	J. A. GIBSON.	

Rep. MORRIS, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Appeals respectfully report on the appeal of JAMES GODWIN, Past Grand Master, from the Grand Lodge of New York.

"At the annual session of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, held in the city of New York, August 16th, 1887, the following, among other proceedings, were had. Rep. BUNNELL, of No. 485, P. G. M., offered the following:

"*Resolved*, That Bro. JAMES P. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, be, and he is hereby requested, until further action by this Grand Lodge therein, to attend the annual session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and that his expenses in attending the same shall be paid by this Grand Lodge, and the Grand Treasurer is hereby directed to pay the same on presentation, out of any moneys in his hands not otherwise appropriated.

"Grand Master WHITLOCK ruled the resolution out of order, as not being such an expense as is intended by the words 'necessary expenses,' in Section 1 of Article V., Grand Lodge Constitution.

"From this decision Rep. GODWIN, of No. 486, P. G. M., appealed.

"The Grand Master put the question, 'Shall the decision of the Grand Master stand as the judgment of this Grand Lodge?' and it was decided in the affirmative.

"From this decision of the Grand Lodge Rep. GODWIN, of No. 486, P. G. M., asked permission to appeal to the Sovereign Grand Lodge. The permission was unanimously granted."

Article V., Section 1, Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, reads as follows, to wit: "The revenue of the Grand Lodge shall be raised for the purpose of defraying the necessary expenses thereof, and not for accumulation or investment, beyond the sum of \$1,000, to meet the current expenses in anticipation of receipts."

In the opinion of your committee, it is within the discretion of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, under its present Constitution, to pay the expenses of Bro. JAMES P. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, in attending the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, he being entitled to a seat therein.

Wherefore, your committee recommend that the appeal of Bro. GODWIN be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. W. MORRIS,  
J. W. STEBBINS,  
J. P. HEISLER,

JNO. B. GOODWIN, JNO. N. VAN DEMAN,  
W. S. JOHNSON, W. L. KUYKENDALL,  
J. A. GIBSON.

Rep. JOHNSON, of Rhode Island, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of St. Anastasia Mesnil Lodge, No. 46, vs. Grand Lodge of Indiana, would submit the following report, to wit:

St. Anastasia Mesnil Lodge, at a regular meeting, after two weeks' notice of the proposed action, by a vote of forty in the affirmative and none in the negative, made a donation of \$600 to Canton Wabash, No. 19, P. M., "for the purpose of buying regalia for said Canton." This action was set aside by the D. D. Grand Master, and the Lodge appealed from the action of the District Deputy to the Grand Lodge. The appeal was duly considered by the Grand Lodge of Indiana, and, on recommendation of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals of that Grand Body, the appeal was dismissed. St. Anastasia Mesnil Lodge now appeals from that action to this Grand Lodge.

Your committee, after careful consideration of the facts as disclosed, see no grounds for reversing the action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the appeal of St. Anastasia Mesnil Lodge, No. 46, vs. Grand



Lodge be dismissed, and the action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana be and is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. JOHNSON, JOHN W. STEBBINS, W. L. KUYKENDALL,  
W. W. MORRIS, JNO. N. VAN DEMAN, JOHN B. GOODWIN,  
JOHN P. HEISLER, J. A. GIBSON.

Rep. VAN DEMAN, of Ohio, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of WM. H. WELDON, Past Grand, from the action of the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces, would report that we have examined carefully the papers in this case, and find that there is no material change in their condition since they were before this committee at the last session of this Grand Body (see Journal 1886, page 10,401), and that they are still so imperfect and incomplete that your committee are unable to consider the case upon its merits; but from an investigation of the papers presented to us we fear that possibly the appellant has not had all the opportunity and assistance in getting his case heard and disposed of, and the record of the action of his Grand Lodge properly before this Grand Body, that ought to have been afforded to him, and therefore in order that his said appeal may be fairly and fully considered, we are of the opinion that the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces should be required to furnish promptly to said Brother a full and complete record of all proceedings and action of the said Grand Lodge in this case, and also set forth a copy of so much of the General Laws of said jurisdiction as applies to the questions involved therein; and if it should be found that said Grand Lodge has heretofore refused or neglected to pass upon the appeal of said Bro. WELDON, we further recommend that said Grand Lodge be required to proceed at its next session to hear, consider and determine the question presented to it, in the said appeal, and likewise promptly furnish to said Bro. WELDON a duly certified copy of its proceedings in said matter, together with the entire record in this case, so that the Brother may, if still aggrieved, have time and opportunity to have the same printed and presented in a regular manner before this Grand Lodge at its next session, and we therefore offer for adoption the following:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces be, and it is hereby directed to act (if it has not already done so), upon the appeal of WILLIAM H. WELDON, Past Grand, vs. Western Star Lodge, No. 16, and when the said case is determined, and within ten days thereafter, to cause a full and complete record, duly certified, of all the proceedings in said case, to be made and delivered to said Bro. WELDON.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to return to the said Grand Lodge all the papers in this case now before this Grand Body, so that all such as should, may be made part of the record so to be made by the said Grand Lodge in said case.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. N. VAN DEMAN, W. L. KUYKENDALL, J. P. HEISLER,  
WM. W. MORRIS, JNO. W. STEBBINS, JNO. B. GOODWIN,  
WM. S. JOHNSON, J. A. GIBSON.

Rep. GOODWIN, of Georgia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :



*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

In the matter of the appeal of MILTON N. WEBBER against the action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, your committee submit the following:

Bro. MILTON N. WEBBER, a member of Harmony Lodge, No. 19, of the jurisdiction of Indiana, was suspected of having written to a member of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, with reference to a case in which he, WEBBER, was interested, before said Grand Lodge, a letter in which he abused and denounced the Representative and members of said Harmony Lodge. This offensive letter was forwarded to or came into the possession of a member of said Lodge, whereupon the Lodge directed that Bro. WEBBER be notified to attend the next meeting thereof to make an explanation of said letter. Bro. WEBBER informed the Lodge that he would attend the Lodge at the second meeting thereafter, and action was deferred till then, when the matter was called up and referred to a committee of three for investigation. This committee, at the next meeting thereafter, submitted a majority and minority report, the majority expressing the view that WEBBER had written the letter in question, and the minority expressing the view that it was doubtful whether he wrote it. The majority report was presented, and, on motion, the Vice Grand was directed to appoint a committee of three members to prefer charges against Bro. WEBBER, and the committee was thus appointed over the objection of said WEBBER.

At a subsequent meeting of the Lodge, the charges having been prepared and placed in the hands of the Noble Grand, that officer appointed "an examining committee in the case of charges above mentioned."

At the following meeting of the Lodge two reports were submitted by the committee, the majority report being to the effect that the evidence did not sustain the charges, and the minority report holding that the evidence fully sustained the charges. The Lodge voted to accept the minority report, to be laid over one week. At the next meeting of the Lodge the matter was taken up, and, by vote, Bro. WEBBER was expelled. From this action Bro. WEBBER prosecuted an appeal to the Grand Lodge of Indiana, on the several grounds therein stated. The appeal was referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals of said Grand Lodge, at the semi annual session in May, 1887, who, after reciting the history of the case, etc., reported as follows:

"With reference to this action of the Lodge it is to be noticed—

"*First.* That two investigating committees were appointed to investigate the alleged charges against Bro. WEBBER. Your committee knows of no authority or precedent for the appointment of more than one investigating committee.

"*Second.* The Vice Grand appointed the second alleged investigating committee, and this was also without any authority of law. The General Laws provide that such committee shall be appointed by the Noble Grand, and this plain provision of the trial code was, in this instance, wholly disregarded.

"*Third.* The motion to adopt the minority report, and that the second committee be appointed to investigate, was made by Bro. HANSON. This motion was amended by Bro. JOHN LEACH, to the effect that the Vice Grand should appoint the committee, and thereupon the Vice Grand appointed as members of the committee the very Brothers, HANSON and LEACH, who were the authors of these motions to investigate. In this manner the majority of this committee was composed of Brothers who had already prejudiced appellant's cause, thereby depriving him of an impartial investigation into the merits of his cause. Such gross misconduct and irregularity should not be sanctioned by this Grand Body on appeal.

"The laws and forms governing trials are clearly laid down in our code, and, with very little attention thereto, Subordinate Lodges need not err in proceeding thereunder. But it has been uniformly held that in such trials, affecting as they do the character of the accused and his standing in the Order, it is the right of the accused that the proceedings against him be regular and in strict compliance with the law. Your committee is, therefore, of opinion that in the



respects above stated, the record in this cause discloses flagrant violations of the trial code, and that by reason thereof appellant was not accorded a fair trial.

"To summarily expel a Brother from our great fraternity is no small matter, and the trial of a Brother under charges should be characterized by great deliberation, care and attention. This committee is governed by the record and transcript as filed with it under the seal of the Lodge. In the opinion of the writer of this report, such irregularity appears as raises a serious doubt as to the legality of the trial of this erring Brother.

"No harm can result to the Lodge or our Order from a rehearing in this case, and the opinion of the majority of this committee is that this case be referred back to Harmony Lodge, No. 19, I. O. O. F., with instructions to give the accused Brother a new trial, to be conducted in accordance with the code of procedure for conducting trials in Subordinate Lodges.

"On motion of W. R. MYERS, Past Grand Representative, the consideration of the report was postponed until the afternoon session.

"The report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, laid over at the morning session, in the case of MILTON N. WEBBER vs. Harmony Lodge, No. 19, found on pages 1189-90-91, was taken up. A discussion ensued, participated in by JAMES S. FROST, Past Grand, J. W. WARTMAN, Past Grand, and J. T. LEACH, Past Grand.

"On motion of J. S. FROST, Past Grand, the report was referred back to the committee, with instructions to report in favor of sustaining the action of Harmony Lodge. And afterwards the following occurred:

"J. W. WARTMAN, Past Grand, from the same committee, submitted the following report, in compliance with the instructions of the Grand Lodge, in the case of MILTON N. WEBBER vs. Harmony Lodge, No. 19:

*"To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Indiana:*

"Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals, under instruction of this Grand Body, to which was recommitted its report made at this term in the case of Bro. MILTON N. WEBBER, now here reports that, in obedience to the instructions of this Grand Body, it recommends that the appeal of Bro. MILTON N. WEBBER be dismissed, and the action of Harmony Lodge is affirmed.

"Which was concurred in."

From this action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, sustaining the action of Harmony Lodge as aforesaid, Bro. WEBBER has regularly prosecuted an appeal to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

The general law of the Order in Indiana provides as follows:

## "CHAPTER XI.

### "FORM OF TRIALS IN SUBORDINATE LODGES.

"SECTION 1. When any matter of grievance between Brothers, or a Subordinate Lodge and any member thereof, or when any Brother complains of a Brother or Brothers, and it shall be brought before the Lodge, they shall be referred to a special committee of three or five members, to be appointed by the Noble Grand, who shall, if possible, be chosen among the peers of the implicated Brother or Brothers, who shall, without unreasonable delay, investigate the charges; and if a majority of said committee shall find reasonable grounds for said charges, then said committee shall prefer the charges in the name of the committee, and the pleadings and trial shall then be proven in the usual form, as laid down in our Code and General Laws.

"SEC. 2. The charges preferred by such committee shall consist of a written statement thereof to the Noble Grand of said Lodge, together with the names of all witnesses who are Odd Fellows in good standing; whereupon, the Noble Grand, without reading said complaint to the Lodge, or revealing the name of the informant, shall appoint an examining committee of three or five members (if possible, peers of the accused), and, withholding the name of the informant,

refer the matter to said committee. And it shall be the duty of said committee, on receiving such complaint, to furnish a copy of the same, with the witnesses' names, to the Secretary of the Lodge, and also the time and place of meeting of the committee."

That this law was violated by the Lodge, in the appointment of the second committee above referred to, against the objection of Bro. WEBBER, is manifest. Why the Vice Grand was directed by the Lodge to appoint said second committee, instead of the Noble Grand, does not appear from the record, and there is therefore, in the record, nothing to sustain the appointment by the Vice Grand, and as this irregularity was not waived, but, on the contrary, objected to by the appellant, the subsequent action of the Lodge and Grand Lodge should be reversed. Some other questions as to procedure and as to parliamentary practice are made in the appeal, but as the one with reference to the manner of appointing said second committee is of itself sufficient to control the case in favor of the appellant, and as the other grounds are not of equal gravity, it is not deemed necessary to pass upon each of them separately. We therefore submit the following:

*Resolved*, That the appeal of Bro. MILTON N. WEBBER be sustained, on the ground of irregularity and illegality in the appointment of the second committee by Harmony Lodge, No. 19, and that the Grand Lodge of Indiana be hereby directed to cause said Harmony Lodge, No. 19, to grant to said WEBBER a new trial on said charges, under procedure as to appointment of committees and otherwise in conformity to law.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. GOODWIN,	JOHN P. HEISLER,	JOHN N. VAN DEMAN,
J. W. STEBBINS,	WM. W. MORRIS,	W. L. KUYKENDALL,
W. S. JOHNSON,	J. A. GIBSON.	

Rep. KUYKENDALL, of Wyoming, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of JAMES STARKEY, P. G., of West Side Lodge, No. 106, of Minnesota, from the action of the Grand Lodge thereof, beg leave to submit the following:

It appears from the record in this case that Bro. HARRIS BRESLAUER, holding a Withdrawal Card from Union Lodge, No. 48, of St. Paul, Minnesota, dated January 7th, 1886, did, on the twenty-fourth day of November, 1886, make application to become a member of said West Side Lodge, No. 106, by and under said card. That such application was referred to a committee as provided by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Lodge. That on January 12th, 1887, five (5) days after the expiration of said card, the committee stated it could not report favorably. That further time was granted by the Lodge until the next meeting. That on the 26th day of January thereafter, said committee reported unfavorably. That a ballot immediately followed the report, which resulted in the rejection of the applicant. From this action of said Lodge, it appears, indirectly, so far as the record shows, that Bro. JAMES STARKEY appealed to or filed a complaint in the Grand Lodge of Minnesota against such action, propounding therewith two questions, as follows:

"Question 1. Had the Lodge a right to act upon an expired Withdrawal Card?"

"Question 2. Has the Grand Master, under the circumstances, the right to restore the Brother to his former standing in the Order?"

It further appears that at the session of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, held in June, 1887, the Committee on Appeals reported as follows:



"This is a case for which we find no precedent, and, after careful consideration, we conclude that the card, having been deposited in West Side Lodge, No. 106, during its validity, and, although the committee investigating the character of the candidate reported their findings some days after its expiration, the Lodge had a perfect and legal right to treat it as a live card, for the purpose of balloting on the application of the candidate. The second question we answer by saying that the Grand Master has no authority to revive an expired card."

It further appears from the record that said report was adopted by the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, from which Bro. STARKEY appealed to this Grand Body. From the record in this case, your committee is of the opinion that the two questions submitted to the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, as hereinbefore stated, are all that have been properly presented for consideration, and that the decision of the Grand Lodge thereon should be sustained.

Your committee therefore offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the questions referred to were properly answered by the Grand Lodge of Minnesota by the adoption of the report of its Committee on Appeals, and that the appeal of Bro. JAMES STARKEY be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. KUYKENDALL, J. P. HEISLER, WM. W. MORRIS,  
WM. S. JOHNSON, JOHN W. STEBBINS, JNO. N. VAN DEMAN,  
JOHN B. GOODWIN.

Rep. JOHNSON, of Rhode Island, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of A. J. SMITH and others vs. Grand Lodge of Indiana, would submit the following report:

The facts appear to be as follows:

St. Anastasia Mesnil Lodge, No. 46, is located in Wabash, Indiana, and in the same city is Canton Wabash, No. 19, P. M., which is very largely, if not entirely, composed of members of said Lodge.

At a regular meeting of the Lodge in February, 1887, a vote was passed to loan the Canton \$600 for ten years, without interest, the Canton to execute a mortgage on their regalia for the same. A motion, "that the Canton members give personal security and six per cent. interest," was defeated. An objection was then raised that the Lodge "had no legal right to loan its money on such security," which was overruled by the unanimous vote of the Lodge. A motion to reconsider the action in authorizing the loan followed, which motion was indefinitely postponed. It was then voted to accept a bond signed by C. E. HUTTON and three others, "conditioned that Canton Wabash execute a chattel mortgage on her regalia, as soon as the regalia arrives, to secure the loan." It was then voted that an order be drawn on the special fund of the Lodge in favor of the Trustees of Canton Wabash, No. 19, for \$600. At the next meeting, one of the members read a protest against the loan to Canton Wabash, and moved to reconsider the vote making the loan, which motion was decided to be out of order. An appeal to the Grand Lodge of Indiana was taken by A. J. SMITH and sixteen other members, on the following grounds:

"That at the time said Lodge did err in this, that she loaned to Canton Wabash, No. 19, the sum of \$600, without interest, for the period of ten years, and agreed to accept as security for the same a chattel mortgage on uniforms to be purchased by Canton Wabash, No. 19, to secure the payment of the same when it becomes due. We believe the said transaction to be impolitic, unjust and at variance with the principles of Odd Fellowship, and contrary to her



laws and usages; and also believe that such a proceeding is calculated to do violence to her best interest, to disturb her peace and harmony, and probably disrupt the Lodge; and we firmly believe that to establish such a precedent would work ruin to the vital principles of Odd Fellowship, and open a door through which invasions upon her treasury may become easy and frequent, even to her complete depletion.

"And we would add still further reasons for this appeal: The fact that the transaction appealed from was instigated by the members of Canton Wabash, No. 19, and mainly supported and carried by them, and that the transaction does not meet with the approval of a majority of the Lodge; and that on the evening of February 2d, 1887, during the discussion of the motion to lend the \$600 to Canton No. 19, a Brother moved to lend to Canton No. 19 the sum of \$600, at six per cent. interest, for a term of years, provided the members of Canton No. 19 would give good and sufficient personal security for the same, which was promptly rejected. We regard the security proposed to be given and accepted as no security in reality, at least not such as should be accepted by Odd Fellows for Odd Fellows' money; nor should such security be offered by Odd Fellows to Odd Fellows. Further, that on Wednesday evening February 2d, the regular meeting of said Lodge, after the motion to loan Canton Wabash, No. 19, \$600, as before stated, was carried, a Canton Brother moved to reconsider the vote, when another Canton Brother immediately moved to indefinitely postpone the motion to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

"Then, on the second regular meeting thereafter of St. Anastasia Mesnil Lodge, No. 46, I. O. O. F., which was Wednesday evening, February 16th, 1887, a remonstrance, signed by fifty-three members, was presented and read (not by the Secretary), asking that the action in regard to the loan be rescinded, after the reading of which a Brother moved to reconsider the motion of indefinite postponement, which the Noble Grand (a Canton member) declared out of order, and refused to entertain it, which ruling was contrary to the laws and usages of the Order. (See page 62, No. 20, General Laws of 1886.) After this, we gave verbal notice (not having time to prepare a written appeal) that we would take an appeal from the action of the Lodge in regard to the loan, to the Grand Lodge. Further, we would state our belief that the laws and regulations of our Order contemplate that each branch thereof shall be self-sustaining."

In addition to the statements contained in the above appeal, two of those whose names appear therein, and two others, present a sworn statement to this effect: That they were present in the Lodge when the loan was voted, and they aver that a large majority of the members present were members of Canton Wabash and voted on the proposition to make said loan; and that said Canton members had a personal interest in the proposition to so loan said money, and were disqualified from voting on said proposition; and they further aver that to count only the votes of members of said Lodge present who were not members of said Canton, the said proposition would have been almost unanimously defeated. To this appeal the Lodge made answer, of which the following is a part:

"We believe that said Lodge did *not* err in making said loan to Canton Wabash, No. 19, P. M., believing at the time that it was for the best interest of said Lodge and our Order. Having the necessary funds on hand, and being desirous of helping said Canton in the purchase of its necessary regalia, feeling that it would be burdensome to the individual members thereof, who but a short time before had purchased, partially at their own expense, the necessary regalia for the Uniform Degree of the Encampment, which said last-named regalia or uniform was, by decree of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, declared out of order, and members of Cantons prohibited from wearing the same.

"That this Lodge had heretofore made donations to persons who were not members thereof, which did not and does not disturb its peace and harmony, and that since said loan had been made, said Lodge had continued in her



prosperous career, had initiated a number of young members, had good attendance at the regular meetings thereof, and is to-day in as good condition financially and morally as it has been since it was instituted.

"We further believe that said Canton will repay every dollar due said Lodge long before the maturity of its obligation.

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"This loan was made from the 'special fund' of this Lodge, which fund has been acquired by the rents from first and second stories of our Lodge building, and not from the ordinary receipts of the Lodge; and here it is fair to state that said Lodge building was mainly erected by private subscriptions of members at a cost of over \$7,000, and while struggling under this load of debt, it was then that Bro. Past Grand Wm. H. Wilson, the principal one of the appellants herein, and the one taking an active, personal interest in the same, in an angry manner withdrew from said Lodge, with the threat that it would be disrupted and become bankrupt, and that he would buy the property at sheriff's sale.

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"This Lodge has now loaned on mortgage security about \$2,000; has over \$400 cash on hand, and owes nothing.

"All talk in appellant's statement about said loan affecting the revenue of this Lodge, is idle and untrue. The history and records of this Lodge show that since an effort has been made to put a uniformed branch in our Order, that there has been renewed interest in Subordinate Lodges, and an increased membership and active interest therein. There are not to exceed six active members of the Subordinate who attend the meetings regularly, or take any part in the business of the Order, who are not in favor of not only loaning money to said Canton, but of donating it outright.

"An alleged remonstrance is stated to have been produced and read, but in truth, and in fact, such remonstrance was in part signed by persons not members of our Order, and not six of whom are in the habit of attending Lodge, and their signatures were obtained by misrepresenting the facts and giving the person or Brother so signing to understand and believe that \$600 taken from the Lodge would bankrupt the same, and cause surrender of Charter thereof; also, that the majority of the members signing said appeal are very seldom in attendance."

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals in the Grand Lodge of Indiana, to whom was referred the appeal, submitted a report, which, after reciting the facts as hereinbefore given, says:

"In the consideration of this question, both the appellants and the Lodge have been represented before your committee by able counsel, and exhaustive arguments have been made upon the questions involved in this appeal, and it may serve a useful purpose to give the following summary of facts admitted to be true by counsel in argument before us, concerning the status of affairs in this Lodge.

"What is now Canton Wabash, was a Uniformed Degree Camp, prior to the action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge requiring such organization to disband. They had then expended of their own means twelve or fifteen hundred dollars in procuring their outfits, when, by the action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge creating the Degree of Patriarchs Militant, they were required to procure the prescribed regalia, so as to conform to the new degree.

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"It is further conceded that the Lodge hall and business-rooms thereunder of St. Anastasia Mesnil Lodge, costing about \$7,000, was largely built from the private cash subscriptions of members of said Lodge, the rents from which were carried into a special fund, the amount of which, at the time of the transaction in question, amounted to more than the sum of money in controversy, although, some time before that, all the general and special funds of the Lodge had been consolidated. St. Anastasia Mesnil Lodge owes no debts, is in a



flourishing condition; the members of Canton Wabash very largely constitute the active, working membership of said St. Anastasia Mesnil Lodge, and since the organization of the Canton the said Lodge has largely increased in membership through their efforts.

"Accordingly, as shown by the record before us, the Canton applied to the Lodge for the loan of \$600, which, as we have seen from the record, was granted by a unanimous vote, upon the terms and security offered.

"That this transaction was a loan, and not a donation, seems to your committee to be beyond question; the good faith of the transaction has not been assailed in any way whatever, and no pretense is made that there is no intention to repay. It is, therefore, clear to your committee that this case is not controlled by the general law forbidding donations, and that the same does not fall within the letter, much less the spirit, of our laws upon the subject. If the transaction was a loan, made in good faith, as it seems to us it must be conceded to be, then it matters not whether it was made to Canton Wabash or to some party for any business purpose.

"It is urged, however, that the security taken by the Lodge was insufficient, but the record shows that a chattel mortgage on the regalia of the Canton was accepted by the Lodge, but what the extent of the property was, or its value, is nowhere shown. From all that appears, the value of the property held as security may exceed many times the amount of the loan, and the Lodge, by its unanimous vote, having approved the security, the presumption must be indulged that the security is ample.

"It is true that the loan was made without interest, but of this it may be said that if we should indulge the presumption that this loan was intended to be made from the special fund, accumulated as above shown, this Grand Body would not review such action of the Lodge, having no real interest in such fund. And, again, St. Anastasia Mesnil Lodge may have determined, and from the evidence and admissions before us, we think it did determine, that it would receive more benefit in the way of accessions to the Lodge through the fresh impetus given by the Canton, and the efforts of its members, than the customary interest would have amounted to.

"Furthermore, your committee is of opinion that it is impolitic for this Grand Body to open the door to investigations by it into mere questions of the sufficiency of the security and rate of interest which may have been accepted by the Lodges throughout the State, and that upon such questions the Lodges themselves should be held to be the best judges.

"There is an *ex parte* affidavit, filed originally with us, which attempts to contradict the record upon some points, but the transcript cannot be thus assailed where it is in direct conflict with the statements in the affidavit. The transcript must be held to state the truth.

"As to the alleged error, overruling Past Grand FARR's motion to reconsider: In the first place, this motion came too late, being made two weeks after the money had been expended. Besides, there is nothing to show that Bro. FARR voted in the affirmative on the original proposition. If he did not, he could not move to reconsider, and, the record being silent, the presumption must be in favor of the ruling of the Noble Grand.

"As to the alleged error that the members of the Canton, having an interest in the question, could not lawfully vote thereon, the record shows that the vote was unanimous; and, therefore, even conceding that the Canton members did thus vote (which is nowhere shown by the record), still it would be a harmless error, because the result of the ballot could not have been affected by such vote.

"From a consideration of the whole case, your committee is of opinion that the action of St. Anastasia Mesnil Lodge, No. 46, should be affirmed, and recommend that this appeal be not sustained."

The Grand Lodge of Indiana adopted the foregoing report, and it is from this action of the Grand Lodge that the appeal now under consideration is taken.

Your committee, after a full consideration of all the points in this case and the principles involved therein, have arrived at the conclusion that the action



of the Grand Lodge of Indiana in this particular case should be sustained. In this decision, however, they are not to be understood as sanctioning, in general, the loaning of Lodge funds on what might be considered as insufficient and doubtful security, and without interest. This case is regarded as being, in some respects, an exceptional one. The question to be considered is not simply, Has a Lodge the right to loan its funds to A., B. or C. without ample security and just recompense? If it were, the decision would be different. In this case it is not a loan to an outsider, so to speak. Here there is a Lodge and a Canton whose interests are in a measure identical. The membership is the same in both. They are two branches of one tree, and what will help the one will also help the other. The Canton is mainly dependent on the Lodge for its membership, and the Lodge sees that additions to the Canton will most likely come through the Lodge. Thus, any assistance that the Lodge gives to the Canton will result in gain to the Lodge. It is admitted that, by receiving no interest for the loan, the Lodge is primarily a loser. But the view taken by the Lodge is that in the end it will be the gainer. And this view is based on the fact that the uniformed branch of the Order has resulted in a renewed interest in the Lodges and an increase in the members thereof. This transaction, therefore, was in the nature of an investment, the Lodge loaning its funds without interest, in the expectation that it would in other ways be more than repaid for the loss of interest.

Then, again, the money loaned was not taken from the regular Lodge fund, but from a fund derived from the letting of a building which, though the property of the Lodge, was erected principally by subscriptions from the individual members thereof, and, as it would seem from the transcript, from those who were active in securing to the Canton the loan in question. Your committee do not ignore the fact that the income from real estate investments by a Lodge is, in a general way, nowise different from other funds, and should be held just as sacred, but they do consider that the way this building was erected takes it out of the usual order and makes it an exceptional case.

Another consideration which has influenced your committee in their conclusion is this: The Grand Lodge of Indiana, which is fully conversant with all the bearings of this case, and in every way competent to pass upon the same, has, after a thorough examination, decided that the action of the Lodge was legal and proper. Your committee deem this a fitting opportunity to say that, in regard to the purely financial transactions of Subordinate Lodges, the Grand Lodge to which said Subordinates belong is the proper Body to pass upon the same. It is hardly a wise policy for this Grand Lodge to interfere in such matters, unless it is clearly shown that the action of the Subordinate Grand Lodge is such as would materially affect the rights of its Subordinates, or of the members thereof. In this case the almost unanimous action of the active members of the Lodge has been sustained, and there appears to be good reason for believing that the Lodge will eventually be the gainer rather than the loser by the loan. If so, no member of the Lodge has just ground for complaint. Then the finances of the Lodge, as shown, were in a healthy condition, it having in addition to its real estate, costing over \$7,000, loans secured by mortgages, amounting to about \$2,000, and over \$400 cash on hand. The Lodge was, therefore, in a condition where it could take a small risk like the one under consideration.

The point made in the sworn statement before mentioned, that the members of the Lodge voting for the loan aforesaid, being members of Canton Wabash, were interested parties and thus debarred from voting thereon, though not in the original appeal, it has been thought best to notice. In reply thereto your committee have to say that, prior to the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1885, the objection would have been a strong one, but at that session an important modification of the law relative thereto was made. (See page 10,094, Revised Journal.) By this change in the law it must be shown that the persons so voting must have a *personal* interest in the matter to deprive them of the



right to vote. In this case it is not thus shown. The money was loaned to the Canton. It was not a loan to the members individually, and thus not a personal loan. The objection, therefore, does not apply here.

Your committee, although sustaining the action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, feel called upon to express their entire disapproval of that portion of the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals which relates to the Grand Lodge investigating the "questions of the sufficiency of the security and rate of interest which may have been accepted by the Lodges throughout the State." So far from being impolitic, as they further say, for the Grand Lodge to make such investigations, your committee believe it is the bounden duty of said Grand Body, if it has any good reason for supposing that its Subordinates are not taking proper care of their funds, to look into the matter and compel them to take every precaution to prevent unnecessary loss. Subordinates are under the care of the Grand Bodies, and they are responsible to a certain extent for the acts of their Subordinates. The position taken by said committee of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, that the Lodges themselves should be held to be the best judges as to securities and interest, is entirely wrong and must not be allowed to pass unquestioned. With this exception, the report of said committee is believed to be correct, and is therefore approved.

In view of the peculiar circumstances of the transaction out of which this appeal originated, your committee recommend the adoption of the following:

*Resolved*, That the appeal of A. J. SMITH and sixteen others *vs.* Grand Lodge of Indiana, be dismissed, and the action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, in sustaining the action of St. Anastasia Mesnil Lodge, No. 46, under the circumstances, be and is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. JOHNSON, JOHN B. GOODWIN, JNO. N. VAN DEMAN,  
JOHN W. STEBBINS, WM. W. MORRIS, W. L. KUYKENDALL.

Rep. VAN DEMAN, of Ohio, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.*

In the matter of the appeal of HENRY F. ROOS from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, your committee submit the following report:

It appears from the record in this case that Bro. HENRY F. ROOS, a member of Lake Shore Lodge, No. 718, of said State, claimed benefits for a period of sixteen weeks, to wit, from October 29th, 1885, to February 20th, 1886. That the said Lodge refused to pay him the said benefits, claiming that said Brother was in arrears for dues when taken sick. That Bro. ROOS then appealed to the "Committee on Appeals for Benefits" of the said Grand Lodge, which said committee met on the twentieth day of August, 1886, and, after hearing the case, dismissed the appeal of said Bro. ROOS, and affirmed the action of the Lodge, of which the said committee made due report to the Grand Master of the said jurisdiction, and which report and decision were approved by him on the sixth day of September, 1886. Thereupon the said Bro. ROOS duly perfected his appeal from the said decision of said Appeal Committee to the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction. And thereupon, on the fifteenth day of November, A. D. 1886, the Committee on the State of the Order of said Grand Lodge, to whom said appeal had been referred, submitted the following report:

"Report of the Committee on the State of the Order:

"Philadelphia, November 15th, 1886.

*"To the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, I. O. O. F.:*

"The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the appeal of H. F. ROOS from the decision of the Committee on Appeals, in the matter of



his appeal from the decision of Lake Shore Lodge, No. 718, do not find any question of law, irregularity or improper proceedings involved in the case, and therefore recommend that the appeal be dismissed, and the action of the Committee on Appeals be sustained."

While the said report was pending, the point of order was raised that, under the law of procedure in the said State of Pennsylvania, the said committee had no right to embody in their report a resolution sustaining or dismissing an appeal, but should have submitted a report which determined only whether or not the said grounds of appeal were proper and legal, and whether the same could legally be considered by the Grand Lodge, and therefore their report, as presented, was not in order. The said law reads as follows: Article XV., Section 17, last clause of section:

"*Provided*, That before any appeal can be considered by the Grand Lodge, the same shall first have been referred to the Committee on the State of the Order and a report received therefrom as to whether the grounds of the appeal are proper and legal, and whether the same can be legally considered by the Grand Lodge."

The said point of order was overruled, and the said report of said committee was adopted as presented, and the said Bro. Roos now appeals to this Grand Lodge.

After a careful consideration of the facts as presented in the record, and the law of said jurisdiction applicable thereto, your committee are of the opinion that the said point of order ought to have been sustained, and the said report recommitted to the said committee, with instructions to present a report in conformity with the law. We therefore offer for adoption the following:

*Resolved*, That the appeal of Bro. H. F. Roos from the action of the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania be and the same is hereby sustained, and the action of the said Grand Lodge in adopting the report of the Committee on the State of the Order in said matter be reversed, and the said cause be by the said Grand Lodge referred to its said committee, with instructions to make a report in strict compliance with the said law of said Grand Lodge, and for all other and further proper proceedings in said case.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN N. VAN DEMAN,	W. L. KUYKENDALL,	JOHN B. GOODWIN,
J. W. STEBBINS,	WM. W. MORRIS,	WM. S. JOHNSON,
J. P. HEISLER,	J. A. GIBSON.	

Rep. GOODWIN, of Georgia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Having considered the appeal of Hanover Lodge, No. 327, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the following is submitted:

In said Hanover Lodge charges were preferred against J. M. STAMBAUGH, a member thereof, alleging in substance that said STAMBAUGH was guilty of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, in drawing benefits to which he was not entitled, upon which he was expelled. From this action Bro. STAMBAUGH appealed, on the grounds therein set forth, all of which charged errors of law and irregularity. The Committee on Appeals of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania considered said case on the appeal and adopted the following resolution, to wit:

"*Resolved*, That the appeal be sustained, and the Lodge directed to reinstate the appellant, for the reason *that the charges were not proven by the evidence.*"

From the action last above recited Hanover Lodge appealed to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, through the Committee on the State of the Order, on the grounds "that when an appeal is made on technicalities, the Committee on Appeals have only the right to render judgment on the points set forth in the appeal."

"That Bro. STAMBAUGH's appeal being made for the reason that certain requirements of law were not complied with, not saying anything in his appeal as to his guilt or innocence," and further, "that the Committee of Appeals on Charges erred in their passing upon the case, as to the innocence or guilt of Bro. STAMBAUGH," and that "the only duty that devolved upon said committee was as to whether the Lodge had complied with the law or not."

The Committee on the State of the Order, after examining the case, reported as follows:

Philadelphia, November 15th, 1886.

*"To the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, I. O. O. F.:"*

"The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the appeal of Hanover Lodge, No. 327, from the decision of the Committee on Appeals, in the matter of J. M. STAMBAUGH's appeal from the action of their Lodge on charges, etc.

"Whilst in the examination of this case we find the conclusion of the Committee on Appeals to be doubtless correct, their report does not set out as fully as it should the points upon which they sustain the appeal. More attention should be given by the Committee on Appeals to the requirements in Section 44, Pennsylvania Digest; but in this case the language used in the appeal not being very specific, but general, would justify the conclusion arrived at in the case, and we therefore recommend that the appeal be dismissed, and the judgment of the committee sustained.

"The question being upon the adoption of the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, it was adopted as the judgment of the Grand Lodge."

And thus the appeal of Hanover Lodge was dismissed.

From which action the Lodge prosecutes its appeal to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

The question presented and to be determined, as your committee interpret the law, is whether the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania shall be required to stand to and abide by the laws of her Grand Lodge with reference to trials and appeals, and to this there can be but one logical answer. This law appears to be as follows, to wit:

Article XV., Section 11, By-Laws Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"It shall be the duty of the committee to give each party to the appeal at least ten days' notice of the time and place appointed by them to hear and determine the same, said hearing to be confined solely to the specific cause or causes of complaint, as set forth in the appeal of the appellant," etc.

Article XV., Section 17, provides:

"Any Lodge or member, party to an appeal, feeling aggrieved at the decision thereon, may appeal therefrom to this Grand Lodge. The appeal shall be confined to matters of law, or of irregularity or improper proceedings of the Appeal Committee; \* \* \* *provided*, that before any appeal can be considered by the Grand Lodge the same shall first have been referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, and a report received therefrom *as to whether the grounds of the appeal are proper and legal*, and whether the same can be *legally considered by the Grand Lodge*."

Viewing the case in the light of the provisions of law hereinabove stated, it appears that the Appeals Committee reversed the action of Hanover Lodge on a question of evidence, in the absence of any such ground taken in the appeal, and that the Committee on the State of the Order went beyond their province and recommended that the appeal of the Lodge be dismissed, whereas, in our opinion, they could only consider and report "as to whether the grounds of the appeal are proper and legal, and whether the same can be legally considered by the Grand Lodge."

Your committee, therefore, submit the following:

*Resolved*, That the appeal of Hanover Lodge, No. 327, be sustained, as the law of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was not conformed to, and that the



Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania shall direct the Appeals Committee thereof again to consider and pass upon the case of the appeal of Bro. J. M. STAMBAUGH on the grounds stated in said appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. GOODWIN,	WM. S. JOHNSON,	W. L. KUYKENDALL,
J. W. STEBBINS,	WM. W. MORRIS,	JOHN P. HEISLER,
J. A. GIBSON.		

Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, from the Special Committee on the Permanent Location of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Special Committee charged with the disposition of the property interests at Baltimore, and the carrying out the resolution of this Body with regard to the removal of the Grand Secretary's office to Columbus, Ohio, beg leave to report their proceedings and action.

On March 7th, 1887, they held a session in Columbus, Ohio, all present except the Grand Treasurer, who was unable to attend by reason of sickness; said session was continued on the 8th, 9th and 10th.

On a conference with the Trustees of the several Lodges and Encampments owning the Temple, and thorough examination of the premises and title thereof, your committee entered into an agreement in writing, a copy of which is appended to this report and made a part hereof.

The owners of the Temple assured the committee that they would proceed at once to construct the changes provided for in said agreement, and have the same completed within ninety days. The committee instructed the chairman to inspect the same when done, and when completed, if as stipulated and provided in the agreement, to accept the same and take a deed of conveyance therefor.

The chairman, in pursuance of said instruction, on the twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth of June, went to Columbus, but did not find the room intended for the use of the Sovereign Grand Lodge as a Lodge-room completed, but the rooms for the use of the Grand Secretary substantially finished and furnished.

The chairman again, on August 30th, went to Columbus, Ohio, and found the construction completed in all respects as provided and stipulated, save and except the two chandeliers were not in place in the large room for the use of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and on the distinct agreement that the owners of the Temple would put in place the chandeliers at their own expense, the chairman accepted of the rooms, and, as he was instructed by the committee, prepared a deed of conveyance, and the same was executed and delivered to him and duly recorded in the records of Franklin county, Ohio.

The committee now present the deed to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and also the agreement entered into, dated March 8th, 1887.

The committee, at their meeting in March, directed the Grand Secretary to cause the effects of the Grand Lodge, in the office at Baltimore, to be removed to Columbus, and draw on the Grand Treasurer for the expense of removal; to notify the Grand Lodge of Maryland that the premises rented from them by the Sovereign Grand Lodge would be vacated on or before the thirtieth day of June, 1887; to offer to sell to the Grand Lodge of Maryland "the premises fronting on Orange alley, Baltimore, as described in the lease from the Grand Lodge of Maryland to the Grand Lodge of the United States, dated April 7th, 1876, together with all the improvements made thereon, for the net cost of the said improvements, \$4,766.82, payable \$766.82 on the first day of January, 1888, and \$1,000 on the first day of January thereafter, in the years 1889, 1890, 1891 and 1892, with interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum from the



time of transfer of the property; and if the Grand Lodge of Maryland decline to purchase the improvements, to advertise the property for sale or lease, and dispose of the same by sale, if possible, for the sum named above, or if it cannot be sold, to rent the property for not less than \$300 per annum; if not sold to the Grand Lodge of Maryland, to make such change in the entrance to the vault, and close the door at the end of the hall through the building."

The Grand Secretary informed the committee that their directions had been obeyed. The Grand Lodge of Maryland declining to purchase the property, the vault door was removed so as to make an entrance to the vault from the hall, instead of from the room owned by the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and the door from the hall into that room was closed.

The Grand Secretary also reports to the committee that, being unable to find a tenant for the premises previous to his leaving Baltimore, on the 25th of June, he placed the keys in possession of Sargeant & Tinges, real estate agents, Baltimore, authorizing them to sell or rent the property. At last advices the building was still vacant.

#### MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

*Made this, the eighth day of March, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-seven, between the Lodges and Encampment owners of the Odd Fellows' Temple, in the City of Columbus, Ohio, and the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.*

The parties of the first part hereby agree that they will fit up, furnish and complete the second story of the Odd Fellows' Temple, on High street, in the City of Columbus, in the following manner:

*First.* The office fronting on High street (northwest corner of building), say 18 feet 8 inches by 18 feet 6 inches, is not to be changed, except that if an alteration in the wooden partition is desired by the Grand Secretary, such change shall be made, and necessary painting and papering shall be done.

*Second.* The room on Walnut street, in rear of the above office, say 18 feet 8 inches by 31 feet, shall be altered by placing a wooden partition 12 feet from the present wooden partition, so as to make one room of 12 feet on the west, and one of 14 feet on the east; also, to place a wooden partition three feet north of the south wall of said room, to extend from the partition of the east side of the 12 foot room to the present wooden partition on the east side of the office fronting on High street, with doors as may be required.

*Third.* The partition 25 feet east of the west partition of the room on Walnut street is to be removed, so as to leave a room 33 feet by 20 feet.

*Fourth.* A permanent partition shall be placed 50 feet west of the Pearl court wall, in place of the wooden partition now there, and all partitions within the said space of 50 by 62 feet shall be removed.

*Fifth.* A fire proof vault, 13 feet by 17 feet 6 inches inside measurement, is to be built where indicated on the accompanying drawing, the floor and ceiling to be constructed of iron girders resting on brick walls at north and south ends, with brick arches between, to be leveled with cement and a Warren three-inch stone floor laid thereon. Inside the present brick walls there shall be placed an inside wall eight inches thick, with a four-inch space between, bound to the present wall with every four courses, and where there are no walls at present, such double walls shall be constructed. A transom is to be put in over the present doorway in the hall, similar to the one now opening into the present Lodge-room. There shall be double iron shutters to the transoms, and double iron doors to the vault. The vault shall be plastered, white-washed and shelved inside.

*Sixth.* Suitable shelving, as directed by the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, hereinafter, in writing, shall be placed in the several rooms.

*Seventh.* An elevator of dimensions necessary shall be placed in such position as may be agreed upon, for the purpose of taking boxes into and out of the second story of the said building.



*Eighth.* A suitable wash-stand and two water-closets of modern design, to be supplied with water at all times, and convenient of access from the rooms of the Grand Secretary and the Sovereign Grand Lodge-room, shall be placed in the second story of the said building.

*Ninth.* Doors shall be placed in such position as the Grand Secretary may hereafter direct in writing, to give access to the several rooms heretofore mentioned.

*Tenth.* In the large room (say 50 by 62 feet), designated for the use of the Sovereign Grand Lodge for its meetings, there shall be placed two iron pillars at equal distance from the east and west walls, say  $16\frac{2}{3}$  feet from each other, and from the walls, to support iron truss girders, resting upon them for the support of the ceiling above.

*Eleventh.* Gas pipes and proper burners are to be placed in the vault and rooms in positions as the Grand Secretary may hereafter direct.

*Twelfth.* All the rooms are to be newly papered and painted in a satisfactory manner, and the ceiling of the large room is to be handsomely frescoed so as to give an appearance of greater height to the ceiling, and a chandelier is to be placed in each of the two spaces into which the ceiling is divided by the truss girder.

*Thirteenth.* The above specified changes and improvements in said second story are to be completed within three months from this date. The upper room is the attic over the Lodge-rooms, and access thereto is to be allowed for the use of the Sovereign Grand Lodge as a storage-room, free of charge, and this shall be specified in the deed of conveyance.

*Fourteenth.* On the completion of the repairs and improvements, as hereinbefore mentioned, and the acceptance of the premises by the committee of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the owners of the said Odd Fellows' Temple shall execute a good and sufficient deed of conveyance, with full covenants, of the second story of the Temple, excepting the southwest corner rooms thereof, with right of ingress and egress at all times, as now provided, in common with said parties of the first part, with ingress and egress to said parties from the second to the third floor, as now arranged, to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, free and clear of all taxes or assessments that have been, or may hereafter be imposed on said premises; and said parties of the first part shall keep the roof of said building in repair; which deed shall provide that the owners of the premises on which said building stands shall, whenever said building shall be destroyed by any cause, rebuild and complete the same within one year from the time of the destruction, the second story to be built and finished in the same manner as hereinbefore specified, and the title to the said second story is to remain in the Sovereign Grand Lodge; provided, that if the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall remove its office from said building, the title shall revert to the parties of the first part.

All of these covenants shall be covenants real, running with the land.

In consideration of the premises, the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, through its committee legally authorized to conclude the arrangements for the removal of the office of the Grand Secretary from Baltimore, agrees to remove the seat of government, with all the property and effects of the said body, from the city of Baltimore, Maryland, to the afore-named premises in the city of Columbus, Ohio.

It is further agreed that the owners of the property shall place a suitable rod or moulding near the ceiling around the four sides of the large room on the east end of the building, so that pictures may be hung and removed without breaking the walls with nails, and have the room prepared in good style as a first-class Lodge-room.

In witness whereof, the said parties of the first part have caused this instrument of writing to be signed by the Trustees thereof respectively, attested by the respective seals thereof; and the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent



ent Order of Odd Fellows has caused the same to be signed by its committee duly authorized for the purpose, this eighth day of March, 1887.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY C HEDGES, J. W. STEBBINS, JOSEPH T. HOKE,  
JNO. H. WHITE, THEO. A. ROSS,

*Committee of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.*

Central Lodge, No. 23, I. O. O. F., by JOHN STARTZMAN, DAVID R. WIL-  
LIAMS, Trustees.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 145, I. O. O. F., by ALBERT A. HYMROD, DAVID W.  
MOCCABEE, R. S. McMANS, Trustees.

Capitol Lodge, No. 334, I. O. O. F., by BENJ. S. STEVENSON, WILLIAM H.  
NOBLE, Jr., PETER J. MAGLY, Trustees.

Capitol Encampment, No. 6, I. O. O. F., by CHARLES ROBBINS, LOUIS LINK.  
Trustees.

Columbus Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F., by EDWARD PRYCE, JOHN OSTOTT, C. P.  
L. BUTLER, Trustees.

Harmonia Lodge, No. 358, I. O. O. F., by CHR. HEDDAEUS, HENRY RICHTER,  
Trustees.

The committee beg leave further to report that on the twenty-fifth of  
June last, the Grand Secretary began moving the property of his office, sup-  
plies, etc., and on July 1st the offices of the Grand Body were fully transferred  
to and located in the city of Columbus, Ohio.

The committee beg further to state that the rooms now occupied are complete,  
with all the furnishings required; are centrally located in the city, and in  
every way admirably adapted to the uses intended.

The committee have not taken any steps to secure the incorporation of the  
Grand Lodge under the laws of the State of Ohio. The committee considered  
the matter, and beg leave to suggest that inasmuch as Lodges and Encamp-  
ments of our Order are located in every State and Territory of the United  
States of America, and also in the Provinces of the Dominion of Canada, and  
in foreign countries, it might be of advantage to secure an act of incorporation  
from the Congress of the United States.

Inasmuch as Columbus, Ohio, is now the home and headquarters of the  
Order, the resolution passed in 1858 (Journal, 3001), providing that all sessions  
of the Sovereign Grand Lodge will be held in Baltimore till further ordered,  
should be repealed. Therefore, the committee offer the following:

*Resolved*, That the resolution passed in 1858, on the subject, be rescinded, and  
that hereafter, when not otherwise ordered, the Sovereign Grand Lodge will  
hold its sessions in the city of Columbus, Ohio.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY C. HEDGES, JOS. T. HOKE, THEO. A. ROSS,  
J. W. STEBBINS, ISAAC A. SHEPPARD, JNO. H. WHITE.

Rep. ORENDORFF, of Illinois, from the High Commission, made  
the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your High Commission respectfully report that the attached proposed legis-  
lation was determined on by the Military Council and proffered to this com-  
mission for consideration, and after due examination and such alteration as  
was deemed proper, your commission find nothing in said proposed legislation  
contrary to the laws of the Order, and therefore report the same to the Sover-  
eign Grand Lodge for its action.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. H. WHITE, *Grand Sire*,  
JNO. C. UNDERWOOD, *Deputy Grand Sire*,  
ALFRED ORENDORFF, *Chairman of the*  
*Committee on the Judiciary.*



## ACTION OF THE MILITARY COUNCIL.

*Recommendations by the Commander, adopted by the Military Council.*

I. The Patriarchs Militant Degree membership, having become so extensive, has entailed upon the Commander an enormous amount of unnecessary correspondence, which has, with difficulty, been answered by using a stenographic amanuensis both day and night. This, however, cannot be done in the future because of the expense, when it is considered that the revenue will be reduced nearly or quite *one half* by the election and commissioning of officers, other than for Cantons, for periods of two, three and four years, &c. Therefore, the remedy is to divide the labor, and as to the means the Commander proposes: To organize the Army into Corps, comprising two or more Divisions each, limiting the number to four in the United States and Canada.

II. That officers to be placed in command of Army Corps shall be selected by the Commander of Patriarchs Militant from the Generals in command of troops, and be commissioned as Corps Commanders, with the rank of Major-Generals, and that the general correspondence from Officers and Chevaliers within the territory comprising the Army Corps shall be answered first by the Corps Commanders, and not be forwarded to the Commander of Patriarchs Militant unless of great importance and necessary that he should personally answer it.

III. That the relative grade of the General Officers in the Army shall be: 1. Lieutenant-General, Commander of Patriarchs Militant. 2. Captain-General. 3. Major-General Commanding an Army Corps. 4. Major-General of a Division. 5. Brigadier.

IV. That the heads of the Staff Corps of the Army shall be promoted one grade and remain hereafter as follows: An Adjutant General, with rank of Major-General; an Inspector General, with rank of Major-General; a Quartermaster-General, with rank of Major-General; a Commissary-General, with rank of Major-General; a Chief of Equipment, with rank of Major-General; a Surgeon General, with rank of Major-General; a Judge Advocate-General, with rank of Major-General; a Chaplain-General, with rank of Major-General.

V. That the Commander of the Patriarchs Militant shall appoint and commission an Assistant Adjutant-General, with rank of Brigadier, who shall be a salaried officer on duty at Army Headquarters, and who shall receive, as compensation for his entire services, a sum of not less than twelve hundred or more than fifteen hundred dollars per annum, payable monthly. The said amount to be paid out of the General Fund of Patriarchs Militant.

VI. That the Commander of Patriarchs Militant shall appoint upon his staff six Brigadiers, to be attached to the General Staff Corps, and a Banneret, with rank of Colonel.

VII. That the Commander of Patriarchs Militant, when he can obtain effective service thereby, may attach General Officers, whose terms of service have expired, to the staff of the Army.

VIII. That the Major Generals in command of Army Corps shall appoint staffs, with rank as follows: A Chief of Staff, with rank of Brigadier; an Assistant Adjutant-General, with rank of Colonel; an Assistant Inspector-General, with rank of Colonel; an Assistant Quartermaster-General, with rank of Colonel; an Assistant Commissary-General, with rank of Colonel; an Assistant Chief of Equipment, with rank of Colonel; an Assistant Surgeon-General, with rank of Colonel; an Assistant Judge Advocate General, with rank of Colonel; an Assistant Chaplain-General, with rank of Colonel; a Banneret, with rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, and four Aids-de-Camp, with rank (each) of Lieutenant-Colonel.

IX. That the Commander of Patriarchs Militant may cause to be organized a mounted command of retired officers, and design for such a body a distinctive mark in uniform and arms, appropriate for a mounted command.



X. That the Commander of Patriarchs Militant shall, where there are two or more officers of the same grade in command of troops within a department, assign one to the command of the department.

XI. That officers of all grades above the rank of Lieutenant shall, upon having passed the offices for which they were commissioned, by active service rendered, be entitled to obtain retired commissions, which shall hold for life, or good behavior, and be issued upon application therefor and the payment of the fee of two dollars (\$2).

XII. That the Commander of Patriarchs Militant shall issue to Chevaliers of defunct Cantons certificates of honorable discharge, upon application therefor, and the payment of the fee of one dollar (\$1), which, together with certified evidence of good standing in a Subordinate Encampment, may be deposited with other Cantons, and by means thereof membership therein obtained.

XIII. That in the elections of Field and General Officers, the officers in command of troops only shall vote; that votes shall be of two classes, viz.: Oral, upon a call of the Roster at an "Assembly" of officers for any election, or by sealed written proxy forwarded to the officer holding the election; that an oral vote may be changed by the officer casting it at any time prior to the announcement of the vote; that a written proxy vote may be withdrawn, changed and redelivered at any time prior to the hour fixed for opening proxies; that all elections shall be held under written orders, and a copy thereof shall be filed with the returns, and the written proxies, if any, shall be filed and forwarded to Army Headquarters, with the election returns; that personal representatives or telegraph proxies shall not be legal.

XIV. That General and Staff Officers shall not influence elections.

XV. That officers holding elections at "Assemblies" shall detail two officers of the Assembly, who are entitled to vote, as tellers, to distribute and collect ballots and count the votes.

XVI. That all supplies shall be sold directly from Army Headquarters, at such reasonable prices as may be determined upon by the Commander of Patriarchs Militant, and that previous legislation in regard thereto, in conflict with the above, is hereby repealed.

XVII. That instead of the present fees charged for the Commissions and Non-Commissioned Warrants of Canton Officers, an annual "Canton tax" shall be collected, of twelve dollars, from each Canton operating under Warrant, and an amount from each Grand Canton, operating under Warrant, of ten dollars for each component; and that Commissions and Non-Commissioned Warrants shall be issued to officers of Cantons which have paid the "Canton tax," without cost.

XVIII. That the above law, substituting the "Canton tax" in place of the charge of specified fees for Commissions and Non-Commissioned Warrants for Canton officers, shall go into effect on and after the next anniversary muster, April 26th, 1888.

XIX. That ten per cent. of all moneys received from organizations and Chevaliers in Departments, for commissions and supplies, shall be paid over by the Lieutenant-General to the Commanders thereof, and be by them covered into the Department Treasuries, and be applied in payment of the general expenses.

XX. That five per cent. of all moneys received from organizations and Chevaliers in Grand Departments and Divisions for Commissions and Supplies, after deducting the ten per cent. Department funds, shall be paid over by the Lieutenant-General to the Commanders thereof, and be by them covered into the respective Treasuries, and be applied in payment of the general expenses.

XXI. That two per cent. of all moneys received from organizations and Chevaliers in Army Corps, for Commissions and Supplies, after deducting the amounts paid to Department, Grand Department, or Division Commanders, shall be paid over by the Lieutenant-General to the Commanders thereof, and be by them covered into the Treasuries of the Army Corps, respectively, and be applied in payment of the general expenses.

XXII. That the above laws, requiring the distributing of certain percentages



of the Patriarchs Militant revenue to Commanders of Departments, Grand Departments, Divisions and Army Corps, shall go into effect on April 26th, 1888.

XXIII. That the Commanders of Battalions, Regiments, Brigades, Divisions and Army Corps shall hold active membership in a Canton forming part of the command, except where, for good and satisfactory reasons, the Commander of Patriarchs Militant shall deem proper to grant and issue a dispensation to the contrary.

XXIV. That the Commander of Patriarchs Militant shall design suitable insignia to denote the rank of general officers from Major-General of an Army Corps to Commander-in-Chief, inclusive, and also determine upon appropriate jewels for general officers, and sashes for Corps and Army Commanders.

XXV. That the Commander of Patriarchs Militant shall design suitable uniforms for Patriarchs Militant Bands and Drum Corps, and codify all uniforms for the information and direction of the Army.

XXVI. That it is to the best interest of the Patriarchs Militant that the Military Council shall be convened during the Summer months, and that the annual parade of the Army shall occur at the time and place selected by the Commander of Patriarchs Militant for holding the "Council."

XXVII. That, as a general rule to be followed in determining the points at which to convene the Military Council, the Commander of Patriarchs Militant should consider the accessibility of the location, its fitness for a parade and display occasions, and the possibility of making cheap excursion rates for the round trip thereto from the greatest number of points where Patriarchs Militant troops are located.

XXVIII. That it is advisable to procure a camp outfit for the Army, and with that view the Commander of Patriarchs Militant is hereby authorized to raise moneys by contribution, from Cantons, Officers, Chevaliers, other Odd Fellows, and the people generally; and when a sufficient amount shall have been obtained, to purchase tents and other equipments for the Army.

XXIX. That, hereafter, in estimating the strength of Cantons in the Roster of Battalions and Regiments, the active Chevaliers, only, shall be reported as bearing swords, and that the mention of honorary members shall be made as such.

XXX. That a Board of thirteen officers shall be appointed by the Commander of Patriarchs Militant to draft rules for the government of the Military Council when in session, and present such general suggestions as they may deem important and to the interest of the degree and Army, and make report thereof at the next annual session of the Military Council.

XXXI. That all existing law in conflict with the foregoing be and is hereby modified and changed to conform with the said requirements, or repealed.

#### PERTINENT ACTION OF THE MILITARY COUNCIL.

On motion that the recommendations of the Lieutenant-General be adopted, a division of the question was asked for by Major-General E. B. PALMER, and the question being put on the adoption of all except that providing for the appointment of Corps Commanders, it was unanimously carried. The question then being taken on the recommendation in regard to Corps Commanders, resulted in its adoption; all voting in favor except Major-General PALMER.

Attest:

WM. S. FROST, *Colonel and A. A. G.*

Brigadier CHARLES B. FOSTER, Commanding the Department of Connecticut, moved that the acts of Lieutenant General JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, in all respects, be approved by this Military Council, and the motion was unanimously carried by a rising vote.

Attest:

WM. S. FROST, *Colonel and A. A. G.*

The following correspondence is the basis upon which I prepared the ceremony, etc.:

## THE DECORATION OF CHIVALRY.

Appreciating the desire entertained by officers and Chevaliers generally for an authorized decoration—one which could be worn upon all occasions of parade or display—and feeling that such a wish might be turned into a movement for much additional good, I mapped out a ceremony and was digesting it, when I received a letter from Past Grand Sire NICHOLSON, urging that I give the matter the fullest consideration, and aid in elevating and protecting women in their honor and rights.

I consequently wrote the chairman of the Supervisory Committee as follows, and upon the reception of the authorities expressed by official communications below, I designed the jewels and prepared the ceremony for conferring the Decoration of Chivalry, and I herewith submit it as having been unanimously adopted by the Military Council:

HEADQUARTERS OF PATRIARCHS MILITANT, I. O. O. F.,  
Covington, Ky., May 16th, 1887.

*Hon. John H. Albin, Chairman Supervisory Committee:*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—I have been thinking for some time of the advisability of preparing a decoration to be given to Chevaliers, Patriarchs Militant, and Daughters of Rebekah, who shall be selected because of general worth and service, and looking towards the protection of mothers, wives and daughters of Odd Fellows in their rights. Such thoughts of my own have been fully indorsed by a letter received from Past Grand Sire NICHOLSON, of Pennsylvania, asking that I give my attention to something of that nature. I therefore propose to design a suitable decoration to be worn upon the left breast by Chevaliers, and at the throat of the Daughters of Rebekah, and prepare a suitable ceremony for the conferring of the same; but before I do so, I desire to receive your sanction as the chairman of the Supervisory Committee. The ceremony will consist of military movements of Cantons, short obligation, and a few appropriate charges. The idea of the whole is to make a beautiful display, and through the intrinsic excellence of the teachings of the charges, etc., in the conference of said decoration, to weld the interests of the Daughters of Rebekah with the Patriarchs Militant. Answer at your earliest convenience.

[Dictated.] Truly and chivalrously,

JNO. C. UNDERWOOD, *Lieutenant-General.*

Concord, N. H., June 16th, 1887.

*Lieutenant General John C. Underwood, of the Patriarchs Militant:*

SIR—In regard to your letter in relation to preparing a suitable decoration to be conferred, as therein suggested, we have to say that, understanding that there is to be no expense attending said decoration, and that it is to be conferred only for worth, we deem it advisable, and hereby request you to prepare the same, with appropriate ceremony.

J. H. ALBIN,

ED. A. STEVENS, WM. S. JOHNSON,

CHAS. N. ALEXANDER, HENRY P. COX.

*Lieutenant General John C. Underwood:*

GENERAL—You are hereby authorized to use any moneys that you may succeed in collecting, by way of donations, on account of your traveling expenses, in the purchase of jewels (not extravagant), to be used in conferring the Decoration of Chivalry, etc.

JOHN H. ALBIN,  
*Chairman of the Supervisory Committee, for the Committee.*



## ORGANIZATION.

The Decoration of Chivalry shall consist of three degrees:

*First.* The Grand Decoration of Chivalry, to be conferred by the Commander of Patriarchs Militant upon Chevaliers whom he shall select for intrinsic worth, military ability and prowess and honorable attributes of character.

*Second.* The Decoration of Chivalry, to be conferred by the Commanders of Departments upon Chevaliers whom they may select, and upon Chevaliers recommended by Cantons to receive such Decoration. All of whom shall be chosen because of excellence of character, military ability and other honorable qualities.

*Third.* The Decoration of Chivalry, for a lady, to be conferred by the Commander of Patriarchs Militant upon Daughters of Rebekah selected by himself, and by Commanders of Departments, upon such Daughters of Rebekah and other ladies, who are wives of Chevaliers, as may be recommended by Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah to receive the Decoration. All of which shall be done in consequence of the pure, womanly traits, general loveliness and beauty of character of the lady selected to receive the Decoration.

## CEREMONY OF CONFERRING THE DECORATION OF CHIVALRY.

*Characters.*

The Commander of Patriarchs Militant, or his representative, and Staff; three Cantons, with three officers (Captain, Lieutenant and Ensign), and twenty-four file, each; a Sentinel; a Guard; two Standard Bearers; a Color Sergeant; a Banneret; four maidens and a little girl; Trumpeters, Drummers and Band. All, however, subject to modifications, as the conditions and exigencies of each ceremony may require.

*Properties.*

The Commander's tent pitched in center of the end of the hall farthest from entrance door; two other tents in the background, one to the right and one to the left of the Commander's; a font of pure water to the left front of the Commander's tent, and a table near the entrance to hall.

*Positions of Dramatis Personæ.*

A Sentinel at entrance door to hall; the Commander and Staff within tent, with curtains closed; the maidens and the little girl within the tent to the right of the Commander's; Trumpeters, Drummers and Band in and about the tent to the left of the Commander's; a Guard marching upon "beat" in front of the Commander's tent; the Floor Canton, three officers and twenty-four file drawn up in line at a *carry*, right resting near entrance to hall, and line extending toward Commander's tent, the second and third Cantons, three officers and twenty-four file each, formed in double ranks, at *in place, rest*, on the right and left of the Commander's tent, respectively, with right of both Cantons farthest from the tent, and the Chevaliers facing to the front. All, however, subject to modification, conditioned upon the number of characters participating.

*The Conferring of the Decoration.*

[The Chevalier candidate enters door in full uniform.]

*Sentinel*—HALT! Who comes there?

*Chevalier* (candidate for the Decoration)—A friend; a Chevalier selected to receive the Decoration of Chivalry.

*Sentinel* (calling the Captain in command of Floor Corps or Canton, says)—Sir, this Chevalier reports that he has been selected to receive the Decoration.

*Captain*—Sir, is it true that you have been selected to receive the Decoration of Chivalry?

*Candidate*—It is.



*Captain*—Sir, you will let me examine your papers patent authorizing the conferring of the Decoration. [The candidate exhibits the official papers appointing him to receive the Decoration, which the Captain examines and returns, and then says:] Sir, before you can receive the Decoration you must pass through a primary ceremony, which will be fully understood as you proceed. Are you willing to advance?

*Candidate*—I am.

*Captain*—Lieutenant, assume command of the Canton.

*Lieutenant* (left in command of the Floor Canton)—*Rear open order, MARCH; FRONT; front rank, about, FACE; rear rank, cover, FILES.*

*Captain* (addressing candidate)—Then disarm and uncover, in signification of trust and respect. [The candidate surrenders sword and chapeau to the Captain, who places them upon the table.] Thus prepared, I will accompany and conduct you through the ceremony. Lieutenant, form the arch.

*Lieutenant*—*Cross, SWORDS.*

*Captain*—Advance, friend, and pass beneath the arch of humiliation. Sir, you will march forward, accompanied by me, and pass with humility beneath this arch of steel. [Candidate advances with head bowed, followed by the Conductor, uncovered, and with head also bowed. Having passed the left of the line, the Lieutenant (left in command of the Canton) brings the Chevaliers to a carry, and the Conductor conducts the candidate to the font of pure water and says:]

*Conductor* (addressing candidate)—Sir, in your professed humility, it is fitting that you should wash your hands in pure water, thereby signifying your desire to cleanse the body of the sins born in the flesh, as far as it may be possible for a human being so to do. [The candidate washes his hands and wipes them on a perfectly white towel, which having been done, the Lieutenant in command of the Floor Canton commands:]

*Lieutenant*—*Front rank, about, FACE; close order, left oblique, MARCH; right forward, threes right, MARCH; column left, MARCH; left front into line, double time, MARCH; Canton, HALT; right, DRESS; FRONT; parade, REST.* [The Conductor advances with candidate from water font to a position in front of the Commander's tent, and addresses the Guard there on duty:]

*Conductor*—Guard (both saluting), inform an Aid that a Chevalier, professing humility, and outwardly cleansed, prays an interview with the Commander. [The Guard (saluting) advances to the Commander's tent, and, with sword, draws back the curtain, displaying the Commander and Staff seated around a table. An Aid rises, and advancing to the opening of the tent, is addressed by the Guard as follows:]

*Guard* (saluting)—Sir, an officer having in charge a Chevalier, outwardly cleansed, who professes humility, is without, and prays an interview with the Commander.

*Aid*—I will communicate your information to the Commander. [The Guard, saluting with sword, returns to position. The Aid, saluting with hand, faces about, advances and communicates the information received to the Commander, who sends him to the officer to ascertain what he specially desires. The Aid, again facing to the front, and advancing to the opening of the tent, thus addresses the Conductor:] Sir, what would you with the General?

*Conductor*—Sir, this Chevalier, in humiliation of heart, and having cleansed the flesh to the utmost extent of purification, allowing for the frailties of human nature, and having been properly selected, presents himself, determined to take the necessary obligation to obtain the Decoration of Chivalry.

*Aid* (addressing candidate)—Remain here, sir, until I shall acquaint the Commander with these facts. [The Aid faces about, returns to the Commander, and informs him of the purpose of the Chevalier. Upon being informed of such detailed fact, the Commander arises and goes to the front of his tent. The Staff accompany and take position, as follows: Adjutant-General, Judge Advocate-General and Chaplain-General, forming three paces from and on the



Commander's left, in the order named, and one pace to the rear; the remainder of the Staff forming three paces to the rear of the Commander, and equidistant on his left and right; three Guards at-Arms forming three paces to the right of the Commander, and on a line with the Adjutant-General and Chaplain-General.]

*Commander* (addressing candidate)—Sir, if I am rightly informed, you have been selected to receive the Decoration of Chivalry; but before you can receive the coveted Decoration, you must take the obligation thereunto belonging. Are you willing to take such an oath?

*Candidate*—I am.

*Commander*—Sir, you will let me examine your papers-patent, authorizing the conferring of the Decoration upon you. [Candidate exhibits papers, which the Commander examines and returns, and then commands:] Guards, Officers, Banners, Flags, Assistants, post! [Whereupon the Captain-Conductor returns to and assumes command of the Floor Canton. The Captains in command of the Cantons to the right and left of the Commander's tent, command: ATTENTION: *carry*, SWORDS; Captain of the right Canton, *left half wheel*, MARCH; Captain of the left Canton, *right half-wheel*, MARCH. The movements having been made simultaneously, and the Cantons having marched to the proper position, both Captains will command HALT, and dress their commands.]

[The first Standard Bearer will march to and take position on the right of the second Canton, on the line of the front rank, three paces from the right file; and the second Standard Bearer will march to and take position on the left of the third Canton, on the line of the front rank, three paces from the left file; and both display banners to the front, facing the first or Floor Canton.]

[The Color Sergeant will march to and take position one pace to the right of the Adjutant General, and on line with the three Staff Officers, and display the Patriarchs Militant colors, and three kettle-drummers will march to and take position three paces to the left of and on the line of the Staff in rear center.]

[The Banneret will march to and take position one pace to the left of and on line with the Trumpeters; and three Guards-at-Arms will form three paces to the right of and on line of the Staff in rear center.]

[The little girl will take position immediately in front of the Judge Advocate-General, and the four maidens (called Lady Assistants) will take position, two to the right front and two to the left front, five paces from the Commander, and on lines parallel with the fronts of the second and third Cantons, respectively. The Band will take position in rear center, five paces behind Staff, flanked with the United States colors on the right, the Canadian colors on the left, and the colors of the other countries containing Patriarchs Militant appropriately displayed.]

*Commander* (addressing candidate)—Sir, you will kneel upon your right knee, place your left hand upon the Bible [which has been laid open on a drum before him], uplift your right hand, give your name and title, and repeat the following obligation:

*Captain* (in command of first or floor Canton)—ATTENTION; *carry*, SWORDS.

*First, Second and Third Captains* (officers in command of the three Cantons)—Order, SWORDS; UNCOVER.

#### OBLIGATION.

I, ———, with my approved free will and accord before these living, noble witnesses, do thus voluntarily promise and obligate myself: To defend maidens, wives, widows and orphans in their rights; to relieve the distressed; to permit no extortion, so far as I may be able to prevent it; to support those who are weak and powerless to maintain their rights, and to administer justice to the advancement of honor and the suppression of vice. All of which I, in this presence, do avow it my purpose and intention to perform, to the uttermost bounds of human ability, under penalty, which shall be no less than degradation, caused by the loss of my personal and military honor.



*Commander*—Officers and Chevaliers, ATTEST!

*Officers* (in command of the three Cantons)—RE COVER; *carry*, SWORDS.

*Captain* (of first Canton)—*Advance*, SWORDS.

*Lieutenants* (of second and third Cantons)—Front rank, *thrust*, SWORDS.

*Ensigns* (of second and third Cantons)—Rear rank, *advance*, SWORDS.

[The last three commands to be given simultaneously]

*All* (Officers and Chevaliers)—The oath! The oath!! Remember the oath!!!

[*Long Roll of Kettle-Drums.*]

*Officers* (in command of three Cantons)—*Carry*, SWORDS!

[The four ladies should, if possible, be Daughters of Rebekah, and dressed appropriately in white, with black velvet, gold-embroidered shoulder cape, faced with scarlet silk and bearing the Decoration of Chivalry.]

*First Lady* (nearest the left of the Commander, stepping forward and addressing the kneeling candidate)—Sir, I, as a weak woman, do commend your fortitude and noble purposes, and do beseech you to go on in the chivalrous work you have delineated; and further, do thus, with feeble hands, press a golden spur upon the heel of your right foot [he presses a spring spur on his right heel], thereby giving the instrument of coercion to the strongest member of the human frame, indicating that neither time nor opportunity should be lost in the carrying out of your avowed purposes for good.

*Commander*—Arise. [The Chevalier arises, and the first lady resumes her position]

*Second Lady* (on the right of and nearest to the Commander, advances with the Chevalier's sword, and says)—Receive, sir, this your sword, the arms of your Chivalrous Degree; unsheath it only in the right, and use it in defense and maintenance of the principles you have upon this occasion voluntarily espoused, never forgetting to grant honorable quarter to those whom you find are no longer able to defend themselves. [The second lady retires to her station]

*Third Lady* (on the left of and farthest from the Commander, advancing and addressing the candidate)—Receive, sir, this steel gauntlet, as a type of firmness, which most highly becomes a Chevalier of your soldierly bearing. Be ever firm and true as steel to the obligation you have voluntarily taken; and, under your iron rule, forget not, in the administration of justice, to exercise mercy as you in turn shall expect to receive it. [The third lady returns to her position.]

*Fourth Lady* (on the right of and farthest from the Commander, advancing and addressing candidate)—Receive, sir, this silken glove of white, symbolizing that, howsoever bold and firm may be your military life; you should never forget first to endeavor to administer justice by kindness and gentleness, and resort to arms only when compelled to enforce a right which cannot otherwise be obtained. You also do know that "such duty as the subject owes the Prince, even such a woman oweth her husband," and, in turn for the homage, it is but proper and right that such prowess as you shall exercise in defense of your good name should in courtesy and honor be used in protecting the rights of weak women, even as you would for your mother, sister, wife and daughter. [Elevating her right arm] Remember! Remember!! Remember!!! [The fourth lady retakes position.]

*Commander*—Sir, be bold, be just and fear not; and know now and forever, that so long as you are true to the principles you have so openly affirmed, and to the obligation you have voluntarily assumed, you will receive the honorable regard of your fellow-men, and, far more desirable, the conscious respect of your own self; failing to comply with your obligations, your coercive spurs will be stricken from your heels in disgrace, and you will be regarded a dishonored Chevalier and an apostate man. Entertaining a belief that you will practice the lessons taught by these charges as based upon the oath you have taken [Officers in command of Cantons]—*Present*, SWORDS], I now, as [or the representative of] the Commander of Patriarchs Militant, do proclaim and pro-



nounce you a proper Chevalier to receive the Decoration of Chivalry. [Triple flourish of trumpets]

*Officers* (in command of Cantons)—*Carry*, SWORDS.

*Commander*—Sir, as an outward emblem of your noble degree, of the high moral character you have publicly assumed, and the duties under voluntary obligation espoused, I would now bestow upon you a fitting decoration. [Turning to and addressing Adjutant-General, both saluting.] Sir, have you prepared a proper jewel to be bestowed upon this good Chevalier, as a decoration and appropriate testimonial of his chivalrous worth?

*Adjutant-General* (addressing Commander and saluting)—General, I have prepared this jewel [exhibiting it], an emblematic decoration suspended from a brilliant representation of light, typical of the age of civilized chivalry, embodying enlightenment and justice, being a white cross of ancient design, having mounted upon the face a scarlet heart, and bearing a golden crown, and inscribed upon the back, the motto of action, "Be just, merciful, honorable and brave." The interpretation of all of which is: The enameled whiteness representing the purity upon which, as a basis, all justice is built; the scarlet heart representing the heart of man, from which flows the fountain of mercy; the golden crown being indicative of the crowning virtue, *honor*, when practiced with the moral courage and bravery to defend helpless women, and not oppress the weak.

*Commander*—Judge Advocate-General [both saluting] sir, it is fitting that such a decoration should be placed upon the bosom containing a noble heart, by pure hands.

*Judge Advocate General* (saluting Commander) — General, anticipating your purpose, I sought of her mother this little girl, who, in her purity and infancy, is a type of loveliness and innocence, and I present her as one unsullied and maidenly pure, and ask that she, as the Maid of Honor, shall place the Decoration.

*Commander* (addressing candidate)—Sir, you will kneel. [And leading the child to the kneeling Chevalier, gives her the jewel, and, assisting her to pin it on the left breast of the candidate, says:]

*Commander*—I now, by the hands of innocence and purity of this maid, thus invest you with the badge decoration you are entitled to wear. Be brave, be chivalrous, be just, be merciful, be true, be happy. [Addressing Chaplain-General, both saluting.] Sir, at this point, it is fitting that you invoke Divine blessing. [The Chaplain-General steps forward, and the Commandants of Cantons command: *Order*, SWORDS; UN COVER, BOW ]-

#### *Prayer.*

*Chaplain-General*—Great Commander of all men, Sovereign of the universe, extend Thy helping hand to this suppliant Chevalier; aid and assist him in the chivalrous and righteous work he has undertaken, and give him, O God, the strength and power to keep the obligations he has voluntarily assumed. Possess him with the courage to advance the right with a strong arm and conscientious heart, and so let him live as to enjoy the blessings of Thy creation, and obtain the glories of the unfathomable hereafter. Amen.

*All*—Amen.

[The Commandants of Cantons command: RE-COVER; *carry*, SWORDS; *present*, SWORDS]

[The decorated Chevalier kisses the little girl who has pinned the decoration upon his breast.]

*Commander*—Sir, being thus decorated on the field of honor, made so by the exalted purposes espoused, I now, in this goodly presence, recognize your excellence, and do thus publicly dub you a Knight of the Decoration of Chivalry [gently striking the Chevalier between the shoulders thrice, with flattened sword.] Arise, Sir Knight, and receive the plaudits of friends and comrades. [The Knight arises to his feet and receives the congratulations of the Com-



mander and Staff. The banners and flags wave amid a continued flourish of trumpets and roll of kettle-drums, and, after such suitable demonstration, the band strikes up a martial air and the Cantons are marched through the hall and dismissed.]

THE CONFERRING OF THE DECORATION OF CHIVALRY UPON A LADY.

[The lady, a Daughter of Rebekah, the candidate for the *decoration*, should be accompanied by a Chevalier as escort, and will be received at the entrance to the hall as follows:]

*Sentinel*—Halt. Who comes there?

*Chevalier Escort*—A friend, with a lady, a Daughter of Rebekah.

*Sentinel*—Advance, friend, and explain her purpose.

*Chevalier-Escort* (advancing)—She has been selected to receive the Decoration of Chivalry.

*Sentinel* (turning toward, saluting and addressing the Commandant of the first or floor Canton, says)—Captain, this lady, by word of her Chevalier-escort, has been selected to receive the *decoration*.

*Captain* (advancing, saluting with hand, and uncovering, says)—Sister, is it true that you have been selected to receive the Decoration of Chivalry?

*Lady Candidate*—It is, and here are the papers-patent setting forth the fact.

*Captain* (receiving and examining the documents, returns them, and says)—Sister, you will uncover and accompany me. Lieutenant, assume command of the Canton and prepare to extend honors to a Daughter of Rebekah, who has been designated to receive the Decoration of Chivalry. [The lady removes her bonnet and it is placed upon the table, and while it is being done the Lieutenant commands:]

*Lieutenant*—*Rear open order* [the guides step six paces to the rear], MARCH; FRONT; front rank, *about*, FACE; rear rank, *cover*, FILES.

*Captain* (addressing lady-candidate, says)—Sister, I will now relieve your escort, and will myself protect and conduct you through the ceremony.

*Lieutenant*—*Present*, SWORDS; *carry*, SWORDS; *order*, SWORDS; *remain kneeling, ground*, SWORDS [At *ground*, each Chevalier will, with right hand, turn the sword flat to the front; and at *swords*, will step with left foot one pace to the front and kneel upon the right knee; lay the sword upon the ground with right hand, point resting where it was placed at *order, swords*, the blade being perpendicular to the line of the rank of which he is a file; and drop the hand to the side]; UNCOVER.

*Captain*—Advance, Sister; I follow. [They pass between the ranks of kneeling Chevaliers, and, passing the left of the line, march to the font of pure water, whereupon the Lieutenant commands:]

*Lieutenant*—*RE-COVER, take*, SWORDS [At *take*, each Chevalier will reach forward the right arm and with right hand grasp the hilt of the sword; at SWORDS, he will arise, bring left foot into line, heel touching the heel of the right foot, with sword at an *order*]; *carry*, SWORDS; front rank, *about*, FACE; rear rank, *close order, left oblique*, MARCH; *right forward, threes right*, MARCH; *column left*, MARCH; *left front into line, double time*, MARCH; *Canton, HALT*; *right, DRESS*; FRONT; *parade, REST*.

*Conductor* (addressing lady candidate, says)—Sister, you have received the military honors in the *present*, SWORDS; and you have witnessed the chivalrous devotion of Patriarchs Militant to your sex in the grounding of their arms and kneeling uncovered as you passed between the ranks, thereby indicating through such acts your privilege to command protection in all your rights; and now, in turn, it is fitting that you should wash your hands in pure water, thereby signifying your desire to cleanse the body of the sins born in the flesh, and of the pure purpose to which you shall devote your future life. [The lady-candidate washes her hands and wipes them on a perfectly white towel, which, having been done, the Conductor advances with her from the water-font to a position in front of the Commander's tent, and addresses the Guard there on duty:]



*Conductor*—Guard [both saluting], inform an Aid that a lady, a Daughter of Rebekah, professing purity of purpose and outwardly cleansed, prays an interview with the Commander. [Guard, saluting, advances to the Commander's tent, and with sword draws back the curtain, displaying the Commander and Staff seated around a table. An Aid arises, and, advancing to the opening of the tent, is addressed by the Guard as follows:]

*Guard* (saluting)—Sir, an officer escorting a lady, outwardly cleansed and professing purity of purpose, is without and prays an interview with the Commander. [Guard, saluting with sword, returns to position. The Aid, saluting with hand, faces about, advances and communicates the information received to the Commander, who, learning that a lady, with an officer attendant, is in waiting, goes in person to ascertain the object of her visit, and upon arriving in front of his tent, followed by the Staff, which takes position as in the conferring of the *decoration* upon a Chevalier, says:]

*Commander*—Captain, to what good fortune am I indebted for this lovely visitation?

*Captain*—General, this lady, a Daughter of Rebekah, has been designated to receive the Decoration of Chivalry, and here are her papers-patent. [Receiving the documents from the lady-candidate and handing them to the Commander, who examines and returns them, and says:]

*Commander*—Sister, your documents sustain your statements, but before I can confer upon you the *decoration*, you must take the obligation thereunto belonging for a Daughter of Rebekah. Are you willing to take such an oath?

*Lady-Candidate*—I am.

*Commander*—Guards, Officers, Banners, Flags, Assistants, post. [Whereupon the Captain-Conductor returns to, and assumes command of, the floor Canton. The Captains in Command of the Cantons to the right and left of the Commander's tent, command: ATTENTION; *carry*, SWORDS; Captain of the right Canton, *left half-wheel*, MARCH; Captain of left Canton, *right half-wheel*, MARCH. The movements having been made simultaneously, and the Cantons having marched to their proper positions, both Captains will command, HALT, and dress their Commands.]

[The first Standard Bearer will march to, and take position on the right of the second Canton, on the line of the front rank, three paces from the right file; and the second Standard Bearer will march to, and take a position on the left of the third Canton, on the line of the front rank, three paces from the left file, and both display banners to the front, facing the first or floor Canton.]

[The Color Sergeant will march to, and take position, one pace to the right of the Adjutant General, and on line with the three Staff Officers, and display the Patriarchs Militant colors; and three kettle-drummers will march to, and take position, three paces to the left of and on the line of the Staff in rear center.]

[The Banneret will march to, and take position, one pace to the left of and on line with the Trumpeters; and three Guards-at-Arms will form three paces to the right of and on line of the Staff in rear center.]

[The little girl will take position immediately in front of the Judge Advocate-General, and the four maidens (called Lady Assistants) will take positions, two to the right front and two to the left front, five paces from the Commander, and on line parallel with the fronts of the second and third Cantons, respectively. The Band will take position in the rear center, five paces behind the Staff, flanked with the United States colors on the right, the Canadian colors on the left, and the colors of the other countries containing Patriarchs Militant appropriately displayed.]

*Commander* (addressing candidate)—Sister, you will kneel upon your right knee, place your left hand upon the Bible, [which has been laid open on a drum before her,] uplift your right hand, say I, pronounce your name, and repeat the following obligation:

*Captain* (in command of first or floor Canton)—ATTENTION; *carry*, SWORDS.



*First, Second and Third Captains* (officers in command of the three Cantons)  
— *Order, SWORDS; UNCOVER.*

## OBLIGATION.

I, ———, with my approved free will and accord, before these living, noble witnesses, do thus voluntarily promise and obligate myself: To visit the sick; alleviate the distressed; to sympathize with the bereaved; to uphold the good name of maidens, wives and women generally; to counsel orphans and encourage widows; to teach children to love and obey their parents and superiors; to respect the rights of all; to rescue the fallen; to knowingly do no injustice; to advance honor and suppress vice. All within the bounds of possibility, in the sphere appropriate for a lady of gentle degree, and under penalty which shall not be less than public and conscious shame for disregarding this obligation.

*Commander*—Officers and Chevaliers, ATTEST!

*Officers* (in command of three Cantons)—RE-COVER; *carry, SWORDS.*

*Captain* (of first Canton)—*Advance, SWORDS.*

*Lieutenants* (of second and third Cantons)—Front rank, *thrust, SWORDS.*

*Ensigns* (of second and third Cantons)—Rear rank, *advance, SWORDS.*

[The last three commands to be given simultaneously.]

*All* (Officers and Chevaliers)—The oath! The oath!! Remember the oath!!!

[*Long Roll of Kettle-Drums.*]

*Officers*—(in command of three Cantons)—*Carry, SWORDS.*

## CHARGES BY LADY ASSISTANTS.

[The four ladies should, if possible, be Daughters of Rebekah, and dressed appropriately in white, with black velvet, gold-embroidered shoulder cape, faced with scarlet silk and bearing the Decoration of Chivalry.]

*First Lady* (nearest the left of the Commander, stepping forward and addressing the lady-candidate)—Lady Novice, I, as a Sister, with unalloyed pleasure, greet you at this shrine of honor, where the flashings of talent have full sway in the development of virtues. It is not that which we have that demands, and should receive, the most attention, but that which we have not should be studied to a perfection in excellence, that the mind and heart may be brought to an equilibrium for good. Friendship and love are reciprocal virtues; equaled only by truth, the very foundation of character. The two cardinal points of woman's life are thought and expression. Be ever thoughtful that you err not, and after determining the course to be pursued, select the gentlest and most pleasing manner of expression by act and word. Remember to consider others as well as yourself. [First Lady resumes her position.]

*Second Lady* (on the right and nearest to the Commander, advances and says)—Gentle Lady, I too welcome you as a Sister, and desire to say that it is far easier to *preach* than to *follow*; and knowing what is good to be done, to *do* is a virtue frequently disregarded. In the ministrations incident to life, do not shine inconstantly as the fire fly, glowing brilliantly for a moment, to be then lost in the tangled web of night, but rather let your acts stand forth as constant as a fixed star, ever shining with undimmed lustre and true to its position in the firmament. Mark high your course through life with good purposes, and then carry out your elevated intentions. May the womb of time bear fruit of your honorable teachings and kind and just deeds to such an extent as to herald your eminence in a wealth of virtues equal to the chivalrous prowess of the noblest Knight of the Order. [The Second Lady retires to her station]

*Third Lady* (on the left of and farthest from the Commander, advancing and addressing lady-candidate, says)—Sweet Lady, I trust that this occasion will be ever remembered as the *oasis* of your life, where *honor* was taught to be your vital breath, and all corrupting lessons as acts of *apostasy* to principle



"which blur the grace of modesty, call virtue hypocrite," and blister the very soul with evil thoughts. In the solution of the problem of life, know that a still tongue, observing eye, and listening ear form a trio of excellence certain to be appreciated as wisdom advances. Just action should be your *watchword*. [Third Lady returns to her position.]

*Fourth Lady* (on the right and farthest from the Commander, advancing and addressing lady-candidate, says)—Dear Lady, woman as you are, designed as the beautiful counterpart of man, and the one who contributes so eminently to his happiness, *you* can, by the gentle influences of love and virtue, exercise through your various ministrations an intuitive work for good. Through the potency of your power, properly directed, you may accomplish much toward the building of honor and virtue; even the shadows of adversity can be made to vanish by your approving smile, and become transformed into a very birthday of hope, to culminate in the fulfillment of a heart's dream. Remember, then, O Lady, the obligation you have taken. Remember! Remember!! [Fourth Lady retakes position]

*Commander*—Sister, in your genuine modesty you are but a fitting type of your sex, for know that woman in her kindly deeds, induced by the promptings of a pure heart, does a righteous act for its excellence alone, and when discovered in her purpose will shrink from the approving gaze of the multitude like the delicate flower from the burning rays of the meridian sun. God, in creating the universe, has met the desires of the human heart with the innumerable and exquisite glories of the earth, but all its material evidences of omnipotent power pale before the masterpiece of His divine handiwork, the jewel in the crown, a pearl of beauty, a dew-drop in purity; for, woman, such art thou and will continue to be until time is no more. Entertaining a belief that you will practice the lessons taught by these charges as based upon the obligation you have taken [Officers (in command of Cantons)—*Present*, SWORDS], I now, as [or the representative of] the Commander of Patriarchs Militant, do proclaim and pronounce you a proper lady to receive the Decoration of Chivalry. [Triple flourish of trumpets.]

*Officers* (in command of Cantons)—*Carry*, SWORDS.

Sister, as an outward emblem of our noble degree, of the high moral character you have publicly assumed, and the duties under voluntary obligation espoused, I would now bestow upon you a fitting decoration, as a tribute to your modesty, virtue and general loveliness of character. You will kneel and allow this little girl to outwardly decorate your person with the Decoration of Chivalry.

[The lady-candidate kneels, and the Commander, leading the child to the kneeling Sister, gives her the jewel, and, assisting her to pin it on the left breast of the lady-candidate, says:]

*Commander*—I now, by the hands of innocence and purity of this maid, thus invest you with the badge decoration you are entitled to wear. Be just, be merciful, be true, be happy. [Addressing Chaplain-General, both saluting.] Sir, at this point, it is fitting that you invoke Divine blessing. [The Chaplain-General steps forward, and Commandants of Cantons command: *Order*, SWORDS; UNCOVER, BOW.]

#### PRAYER.

*Chaplain-General*—Great Commander of all men, Sovereign of the Universe, extend Thy helping hand to this suppliant lady; aid and assist her in the righteous work she has undertaken, and give her, O God, the strength and power to keep the obligations she has voluntarily assumed. Possess her with the courage to advance the right with a strong arm and conscientious heart, and so let her live as to enjoy the blessings of Thy creation, and obtain the glories of the unfathomable hereafter. Amen.

*All*—Amen.

[The Commandants of Cantons command: RE-COVER; *carry*, SWORDS; *present*, SWORDS]



[The decorated lady kisses the little girl who has pinned the decoration upon her breast.]

*Commander*—Sister, being thus decorated on the field of honor, made so by the exalted purposes espoused, I now, in this goodly presence, recognize your excellence, and do thus publicly acknowledge you a Lady of the Decoration of Chivalry. Arise, My Lady, and receive the plaudits of friends. [The lady arises to her feet, and receives the congratulations of the Commander and Staff. The banners and flags wave amid a continued flourish of trumpets and roll of kettle-drums, and, after such suitable demonstration, the band strikes up a martial air, and the Cantons are marched through the hall and dismissed.]

Rep. STEVENS, of Minnesota, moved the following additions to the "Recommendations by the Commander, adopted by the Military Council," Patriarchs Militant, pages 10,877-10,879, which were referred to the Committee on Legislation:

XXXII. That the Commander of the Patriarchs Militant shall have power to relieve officers who fail to discharge the duties of their office, and may assign, temporarily, the officer next in rank to the command, and make report thereof to the Military Council at the first session thereafter.

XXXIII. That officers holding the following positions shall, when necessary, and when specially authorized so to do, hold elections as follows: The Assistant Adjutant General of a Brigade, for the Field Officers thereof; the Assistant Adjutant-General of a Division, for the Brigadiers commanding Brigades therein; the Assistant Adjutant-General of a Corps, for the Generals of Divisions therein.

Rep. MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Finance submit herewith the report of the Sub-Committee on Finance, to whom was entrusted the duty of examining and auditing the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

The Sub-Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have carefully examined the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for the fiscal year ending August 20th, 1887.

They find the total sum received by the Grand Secretary, from all sources during the year, was \$48,161.63, which amount was paid to the Grand Treasurer, as per his receipts.

The disbursements of the Grand Treasurer, on 299 vouchers, amount to \$44,639.03.

The receipts of the term are in excess of the payments to the amount of \$3,522.60.

The following condensed statement of the receipts and payments by the Grand Treasurer, give a *resumé* of his transactions during the fiscal year:

1886.	RECEIPTS.	
August 20. Cash balance.....		\$22,296 46
1887.		
August 20. Interest on United States bonds.....		2,498 48
" 20. Cash from Theo. A. Ross, Grand Secretary, being receipts from all sources during the year.....		45,663 15
Aggregate balance and receipts.....		\$70,458 09



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## PAYMENTS.

1887.

August 20. Paid vouchers Nos. 3,531 to 3,830, inclusive, for the current expenses of the fiscal year, from August 20th, 1886, to August 20th, 1887.....	\$44,639 03
" 20. Cash balance in hands of Isaac A. Sheppard, Grand Treasurer .....	25,819 06
Total.....	\$70,458 09

## AVAILABLE ASSETS.

The available assets of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, in the possession of your Grand Treasurer, are as follows, to wit:

1887.

August 20. Cash balance in treasury.....	\$25,819 06
United States $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. registered bonds, par value,	13,300 00
United States $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. coupon bonds, par value...	40,000 00
United States 4 per cent. coupon bonds, par value....	2,500 00
Total .....	\$81,619 06

Your committee take pleasure in announcing that the amount of bonds at this date remains the same as reported to the annual session of 1886, viz., \$55,800, no occasion having arisen, during the past year, necessitating the sale of any of them.

These bonds, for safe-keeping, are deposited with a safe deposit company by the Grand Treasurer, ISAAC A. SHEPPARD.

The accounts, according to the books of the Grand Secretary, THEO. A. ROSS, exhibit the total assets of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, on August 20th, 1887, to be as follows:

Cash in hands of the Grand Treasurer.....	\$25,819 06
United States registered bonds.....	55,800 00
Steel and electrotype plates.....	10,418 75
Library, cost of binding volumes.....	1,018 38
Grand Lodge building in Baltimore, cost.....	4,781 32
Supplies on hand, at cost.....	10,325 35
Paintings and furniture.....	8,367 56
Balances due.....	1,599 64
Together.....	\$118,130 06
Increase of assets over 1886.....	2,843 22

Of the amount appropriated at the session of 1886, there remains at the close of the year \$2,688.98 as an unexpended balance.

M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, JAMES B. BLANKS,  
*Sub-Committee on Finance.*

Columbus, Ohio, September 2d, 1887.

Respectfully submitted,

M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, JAMES B. BLANKS, CHAS. H. RANDALL,  
O. S. MCKINNEY, JAS. R. MILLER, W. R. DUNBAR,  
L. H. STANNARD, GEORGE W. DILKS, W. K. MAKEMSON.

Rep. SEMMES, of Alabama, moved the following:

*Resolved,* That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby directed to have the several reports and Daily Journals properly stamped for transmission by mail.

The question being on the resolution,

Rep. SHRIVER, of West Virginia, moved to amend by substituting the following:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be required to place the requisite number of stamps required for mailing reports, each day, on the desks of members, except the last day of the session, which reports shall be mailed by the Grand Secretary.

Pending the consideration of the subject, the hour of 2 o'clock having arrived, the Grand Sire declared the Grand Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

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TUESDAY, September 20th, 1887—9 o'clock A. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled this day, pursuant to adjournment. Present:

OFFICERS.

JOHN H. WHITE.....	Grand Sire.
JOHN C. UNDERWOOD.....	Deputy Grand Sire.
THEO. A. ROSS.....	Grand Secretary.
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD.....	Grand Treasurer.
ALLEN JENCKES.....	Assistant Grand Secretary.
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....	Grand Chaplain.
CHARLES E. WALDO .....	Grand Marshal <i>pro tem</i> .
WALTER G. DYE .....	Grand Guardian.
W. H. FRAZIER.....	Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIREs.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....	Pennsylvania.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....	New York.
JOHN W. STOKES.....	Pennsylvania.
ERIE J. LEECH.....	Iowa.
HENRY F. GAREY.....	Maryland.

And a quorum of Grand Bodies.

The Deputy Grand Sire and Grand Marshal, by order, examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified.

Prayer by Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, Grand Chaplain.

The Deputy Grand Sire, by direction of the Grand Sire, declared the Grand Lodge open for business.

Rep. HILL, of Rhode Island, moved that the reading of the Journal of yesterday be dispensed with, which was adopted.



The consideration of the question pending at the time of adjournment yesterday was resumed.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment of Rep. SHRIVER, of West Virginia, to the resolution of Rep. SEMMES, of Alabama, viz.:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be required to place the requisite number of stamps required for mailing reports, each day, on the desks of the members, except the last day of the session, which reports shall be mailed by the Grand Secretary,

It was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. SEMMES, of Alabama, viz.:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby directed to have the several reports and Daily Journals properly stamped for transmission by mail,

It was adopted.

The jurisdictions were called, when

Rep. FRIEDHEIM, of Arkansas, submitted the following:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

At the annual session of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, held at Hot Springs, Arkansas, October, 1886, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be, and they are hereby instructed to extend a cordial invitation to the Sovereign Grand Lodge to hold its annual convocation of 1888 in the city of Hot Springs, Arkansas."

In accordance with said resolution, we hereby extend a cordial invitation to the Sovereign Grand Lodge to hold its annual session of 1888 at the city of Hot Springs, Arkansas.

J. B. FRIEDHEIM,  
J. A. GIBSON,  
E. B. MOORE,  
*Grand Representatives.*

Rep. MILLER, of Illinois, moved that the further consideration of the invitation be postponed until Thursday morning, which was agreed to.

Reps. BRAINARD and PETTY, of the District of Columbia, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

Amend Article XXII. of the By-Laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, by inserting the following after the seventh paragraph, to wit:

Members of Grand Lodges are authorized to wear a scarlet ribbon two inches in width, and not to exceed six inches in length, with the name of the

Grand Lodge marked thereon, on the lapel of the coat, and the officers shall wear the jewels of their offices.

Members of Grand Encampments are authorized to wear on the lapel of the coat purple ribbons of the same size as the above, with the name of the Grand Encampment marked thereon, and the officers shall wear the jewels of their offices.

Past Grands in Subordinate Lodges may wear scarlet ribbons as prescribed for members of Grand Lodges; and all other members of such Lodges may wear ribbons two inches in width, the colors of which shall correspond with the degree they have attained.

The Noble Grand, Secretary and Treasurer shall each wear scarlet ribbons; the Vice Grand, a blue ribbon; the Supporters of the Noble Grand and Vice Grand shall wear ribbons of the color of those offices respectively; Warden and Conductor, black ribbons; Chaplain and Scene Supporters, white ribbons; Inside and Outside Guardian, scarlet ribbons.

The ribbons worn in Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments shall be two inches in width, and not to exceed six inches in length, and may be appropriately mounted with gold, silver, white or other metal, and the name and number of the Lodge marked thereon, and all officers shall wear the jewels of their offices.

Members of Subordinate Encampments, who have attained the Royal Purple Degree, may wear purple ribbons two inches in width, and not to exceed six inches in length, with the name and number of the Encampment marked thereon, and the officers shall wear the jewels of their respective offices.

Rep. FORNEY, of Idaho, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Idaho, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. MILLER, of Illinois, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Business :

WHEREAS, Owing to the cheapness and increased facilities of transportation, and the social and commercial relations of the two Continents, many of the members of our Order find themselves in foreign countries, where there are no established Lodges of Odd Fellows; and

WHEREAS, The objects and purposes of our Order and the Manchester Unity are practically the same, and realizing that the interests of the members of each of these organizations might be benefited if some plan of reciprocal recognition and relief could be adopted; therefore,

*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed, the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary to be members of said committee, whose duty it shall be to confer with the Grand Master of the Manchester Unity with a view to the appointment of a like committee, who shall jointly prepare and present to each Grand Body a plan of action to secure the objects herein set forth; and

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary forward to the Grand Master of the Manchester Unity a copy of these resolutions.

Rep. REINECKE, of Kentucky, moved the following, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the consideration of the constitutional amendments be, and it is hereby made the special order for Wednesday, September 21st, at 10 A. M.

The Grand Secretary presented the following :



YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION,  
Denver, Colo., September 19th, 1887.

*Mr. Theodore A. Ross, Grand Secretary:*

DEAR SIR—The Young Men's Christian Association of Denver, Colorado, cordially invite your members and their friends to make use of our reading and correspondence rooms and parlors during your visit. We are located at 1609-1615 Arapahoe street, over Chain, Hardy & Co.'s book-store.

Yours, very truly,  
WESLEY T. SMILEY,  
*General Secretary.*

Rep. MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania, moved that the invitation be accepted with the thanks of the Grand Lodge, which was adopted.

Rep. PEARCE, of Florida, submitted the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Florida, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Past Grand Master RUSSELL, on behalf of the Trustees, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of I. O. O. F. of Florida do most respectfully and fraternally request the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Order to approve and recommend to the fraternity everywhere the enterprise of building a Home, to be located at Jacksonville, Florida, for sick and afflicted Odd Fellows from all parts of our country who may seek the restorative benefits of the climate of Florida, in which these Brethren may find the comforts and repose of a home, not as a charity, but as their right, made so by their Brethren.

Reps. HEISLER and TUTTLE, of Colorado, as instructed by the Grand Lodge of Colorado, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

WHEREAS, According to the laws and principles of Odd Fellowship, a Brother is entitled to the care, attention and assistance of his Brethren when he is sick or in distress, away from home and out of the jurisdiction of his own Lodge, as well as when he is within his own jurisdiction; therefore,

*Resolved*, That it is also the duty of every Odd Fellow, when he is away from home and out of his own jurisdiction, to give his attention and care to his Brethren in distress, and to watch with the sick when necessary, as well as when he is within his own jurisdiction; and further

*Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of every member of the Order, on taking up his residence, temporary or permanent, away from the vicinity of his own Lodge, to report himself to the Lodge nearest his residence, or, where it is equally near to two or more Lodges, to one thereof, within thirty days after taking up such residence; and in making such report, he shall give the name and number and location of his Lodge; and when requested by the proper committee of such Lodge, shall take his proper turn with the members of such Lodge in watching with the visiting sick, who, like himself, is away from home and away from the jurisdiction of his own Lodge. And until he so report himself, he shall not be entitled to affiliate with the Order, nor to attention from any Lodge. But this shall not be construed to hinder or prevent any Lodge or member from furnishing watchers or giving attention to any sick or needy Brother, if deemed proper.

Rep. HIGGINS, of Maine, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Maine, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. KIGER, of New Jersey, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. PARKER, of New Jersey, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation :

Amend Article XXII. of the By-Laws, by adding, at the end of the article, the following :

*Provided, however,* that in lieu of other regalia, members and visitors at the session of a Grand Lodge, wearing a scarlet ribbon, and at the session of a Grand Encampment a purple ribbon, both about one inch in width, on the lapel of their coats, shall be deemed to be in proper regalia ; and that the officers of said Grand Bodies, in lieu of other regalia, may wear a ribbon prescribed as above, with the jewel of their offices attached thereto.

Rep. EDWARDS, of North Carolina, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

*Resolved,* That the Grand Sire be allowed a Private Secretary, at a salary of \$500 per annum.

Rep. JOHNSON, of Rhode Island, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation :

WHEREAS, There is a growing feeling among the members of many Subordinate Lodges and Encampments that for the entertainment of Grand Officers on their official visits, and of visiting Lodges, and also for the celebration of Lodge anniversaries, they should be allowed to draw upon their treasury for the payment of the same ; and

WHEREAS, The condition of the finances of many Lodges is such as will allow of limited expenditures for the above-named purposes ; and

WHEREAS, Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments being familiar with the financial condition of their Subordinates, are the proper Bodies to decide as to the expediency of such expenditures as are hereinbefore mentioned, and as to the ability of the Lodges to make the same ; therefore,

*Resolved,* That the subject of allowing Subordinate Lodges and Encampments to pay from their treasury for the entertainment of Grand Officers, the reception of visiting Lodges, and for the celebration of Lodge anniversaries, be relegated to Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, with power to authorize their Subordinates to make such expenditures as are herein named, and for the payment of the same, to draw upon their treasury for an amount not to exceed ten per cent. of their annual dues, and ten per cent. of their annual receipts from investments.

*Resolved,* That all previous legislation inconsistent herewith be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Rep. HILL, of Rhode Island, moved the following, which was adopted :



*Resolved*, That those having obituary notices to present, may hand them to the Grand Secretary at any time during the session, to be printed in the Revised Journal.

Rep. KENDALL, of Wisconsin, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

*Resolved*, That a suitable sign of recognition be adopted for the use of Subordinate Encampment members having the Royal Purple Degree.

Rep. CLARK, of Wisconsin, by direction of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah :

*Resolved*, That the power is hereby delegated to the Subordinate Grand Lodges to restrict, under such rules and regulations as they may adopt, not inconsistent with the general laws of the Order, the conferring of the Degree of Rebekah to Rebekah Degree Lodges, in such Subordinate Lodge jurisdictions as have therein Rebekah Degree Lodges.

Rep. CLARK, of Wisconsin, by direction of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah :

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah report to this Grand Lodge, in secret session, *a sign of distress, and words to accompany the same*, for members of the Degree of Rebekah.

Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah :

*Resolved*, That on and after the first day of January, 1888, the Degree of Rebekah shall not be conferred upon any person, except in a Rebekah Degree Lodge, nor shall it be conferred on any but the female sex.

*Resolved*, That all laws, decisions, etc., which may in any way conflict with the above resolution, are hereby repealed.

Lieutenant-General UNDERWOOD presented his annual report of the condition, etc., of the Patriarchs Militant, which was referred to the Special Committee on Distribution of the subjects in the reports of Grand Officers to appropriate committees.

Rep. STEVENS, of Minnesota, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions :

*Resolved*, That a duplicate Charter be issued to the Grand Encampment of Minnesota, the original having been lost by the fire destroying the State Capitol building at St. Paul.

Rep. MILLER, of Illinois, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation :

WHEREAS, The regalia now prescribed for use by the different branches of the Order, being cumbersome and expensive, might be dispensed with without detriment to the Order ; therefore,

*Resolved*, That a suitable badge, retaining the colors of the several degrees, be substituted, and that the Legislative Committee report such suitable change.

Rep. FRIEDHEIM, of Arkansas, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation :

In accordance with the following resolutions adopted by the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, the subject is respectfully presented to this Grand Body.

*To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Arkansas :*

Your committee, to whom, at the last session of this Grand Body, was referred the memorial of Garland Lodge, No. 67, relative to the establishment of a Home for Aged and Indigent Odd Fellows, would respectfully represent and report that we have carefully examined the same, and are of the opinion that the enterprise is a most laudable one.

The innumerable benefits to inure to individual Odd Fellows by the establishment of such a Home, and through them to our noble Order throughout the length and breadth of the universe, are immense and incalculable.

We believe that the want of a suitable Home to care for those of our Brotherhood who are crippled, diseased, aged and infirm, has been long felt, and that the time has arrived when such a Home should be inaugurated.

And we further believe that for the location of a Home of this kind, that no place, where our Order is known, is more desirable than the city of Hot Springs, Arkansas, the home of Garland Lodge, No. 67. The curative and healing virtues of its waters are known the world over, and the crippled and infirm of every clime are daily seeking and finding relief therein.

In view of the facts recited, and believing that if the enterprise can be brought to a successful termination it would reflect great honor upon our Order, we therefore offer the following resolutions, and recommend their adoption :

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed by this Grand Body, to consist of not less than seven members, who are hereby authorized to solicit aid and assistance from this and all other jurisdictions of Odd Fellowship, to build and equip a Home for Indigent, Crippled, Infirm and Aged Odd Fellows, at the city of Hot Springs, Arkansas, and that said committee report their action to each and every session of this Grand Lodge.

*Resolved*, That should the object of these resolutions be accomplished and the Home established, it shall be and remain under the direct and complete control of this Grand Lodge, *except* in the event suggested hereinafter by the fifth resolution.

*Resolved*, That all contributions and donations to said Home shall be paid direct to the Treasurer of this Grand Lodge, and that the said Treasurer shall keep a separate and accurate account of all funds received for said Home, and render an account of the same at each session of the Grand Lodge.

*Resolved*, That the necessary expenses of said committee, for stationery, printing and postage, in soliciting such aid and assistance, be paid by the Grand Treasurer out of the funds raised for said Home, on duly authorized drafts or checks on him, signed by the Chairman and attested by the Secretary of said committee.

*Resolved*, That the Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be and they are hereby instructed to present this matter to that Body, and use their



best efforts to induce said Sovereign Grand Lodge to take charge of said undertaking, and create a National Home for Odd Fellows, at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. FRIEDHEIM,

J. A. GIBSON,

E. B. MOORE,

*Grand Representatives.*

Rep. GRAHAM, of Louisiana, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

*Resolved*, That Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, are hereby empowered to permit their Subordinates to grant such weekly benefits as they may deem the necessities of the case may require, to aged and infirm members in good standing, who, through such infirmities, are unable to pursue any occupation whereby they may obtain a livelihood ; *provided*, that all applicants under the provisions of this resolution shall have been contributing members to the Lodges or Encampments to which they are attached, for the space of ten years previous to their application for relief.

*Resolved*, That all laws contrary to the intents and purposes of the foregoing, are hereby repealed.

Rep. STEVENS, of Minnesota, from the Special Committee on Distribution of the subjects in the reports of the Grand Officers to appropriate committees, made the following report, which, the rule being suspended, was considered and adopted :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on Distribution, having examined the reports of Grand Officers referred to them, recommend that the subject-matters thereof be referred as follows :

1. To the Committee on the State of the Order—So much of the report of the Grand Sire as relates to the Condition of the Order, Insurance Organizations, Qualification for Membership, and concluding remarks ; so much of the supplementary report of the Grand Sire as relates to Warrants Issued, and Insurance Companies ; and so much of the report of the Grand Secretary as relates to Duties imposed at last Session, the Order in the United States and Canada, and concluding remarks ; also, so much of said reports as relates to the removal of Headquarters to Columbus.

2. To the Committee on the Judiciary—So much of the report of the Grand Sire as relates to Decisions Nos. 1 to 4, and 13 to 27, inclusive, and 29 to 33 ; the question referred for decision under head of By-Laws of Subordinates, and so much of the supplementary report of the Grand Sire as relates to Decisions 1 to 4, inclusive.

3. To the Committee on Legislation—So much of the report of the Grand Sire as relates to Regalia in Grand Lodge, Indian Territory, and Necessary Legislation.

4. To the Committee on Finance—The report of the Grand Treasurer, and so much of the report of the Grand Secretary as relates to Patriarchs Militant, Ridgely Monument Fund, Financial Matters, and so much of the report of the Lieutenant-General as relates to Finances.

5. To the Committee on Constitutions—So much of the report of the Grand Sire as relates to By-Laws of Subordinates, not including the question referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6. To the Committee on Foreign Relations—So much of the report of the Grand Sire as is headed Foreign Relations, and so much of his supplementary report as is headed Cuba, together with so much of the report of the Grand Secretary as relates to Foreign Jurisdictions, Returns and Miscellaneous.

7. To the Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order—So much of the report of the Grand Sire as relates to Patriarchal Circle, Patriarchs Militant, and so much of the report of the Lieutenant-General as relates to other than Financial Matters.

8. To the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah—So much of the report of the Grand Sire as relates to Decisions 5 to 12, inclusive, Degree of Rebekah, and so much of the report of the Grand Secretary as relates to Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah.

9. To the Committee on Correspondence—So much of the reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary as relates to the Manchester Unity.

10. To the Committee on Petitions—So much of the report of the Grand Sire as relates to Charters, Commissions and Petitions, together with the Petitions referred to in the supplementary report.

11. To the Committee on Returns—So much of the report of the Grand Secretary as relates to Expenses and Invested Funds of Subordinates, Annual Returns and General Returns.

12. To the Committee on Miscellaneous Business—So much of the report of the Grand Sire as relates to Transfer of Jurisdiction, Past Official and Grand Lodge Degrees, Duplicate Charters, District Deputy Grand Sires, Grand Visitations, Anniversary Proclamation, Fraternal Press, and so much of the report of the Grand Secretary as relates to Library, Warrants Issued, Duplicate Charters, and Odd Fellows' Homes, etc.

13. To the Committee on Printing Supplies—So much of the report of the Grand Secretary as relates to Charge and Degree Books and Supplies.

14. To the Committee on Appeals—So much of the report of the Grand Sire as relates to the appeal decided by Decision No. 28, and the appeal case mentioned in his supplementary report.

15. To a Special Committee of Five Members—So much of the report of the Grand Sire as relates to the death of Past Grand Sire MOORE and other Past Grand Representatives; so much of the report of the Grand Secretary as is headed Obituary.

16. To the Special Committee on Endowment—So much of the report of the Grand Secretary as relates to Endowment or Life Insurance.

Respectfully submitted,

ED. A. STEVENS,  
W. T. HOLMES,

PHIL METSCHAN, D. P. CELLEY,  
FRED. M. HEITMAN.

Rep. STEVENS, of Minnesota, presented the following bill of the Supervisory Committee on the Degree of Patriarchs Militant, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F.

*To Supervisory Committee on Degree of Patriarchs Militant, Dr.:*

To cash actually paid as necessary expenses in the discharge of duty by the members of said committee, nothing being included for per diem, as follows:

By J. H. Albin.....	\$46 00
By Henry P. Cox.....	10 00
By Charles N. Alexander.....	10 00
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	\$66 00



The Grand Sire presented a letter from J. HANSEN, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Denmark, which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The Grand Sire announced the following :

*Committee on Obituaries*—Reps. PETTY, of the District of Columbia; JANES, of Michigan; KENDALL, of Wisconsin; NEWSALT, of Minnesota, and OSTRANDER, of Washington.

Rep. KINES, of Quebec, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Reps. ISZARD and KIGER, of New Jersey, by direction of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

*Resolved*, That the Annual Traveling Pass Word issued by the Grand Sire be accepted in connection with a personal examination, as a proof of membership in the Order, so that members sojourning or traveling outside of their own jurisdiction may visit any Lodge or Encampment wherever they may be, without a Visiting Card, as required under existing law.

Rep. WILCOX, of Ohio, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. HEISLER, of Colorado, presented the following :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., Denver, Colorado:*

GENTLEMEN—I am instructed, by the Board of Exposition Commissioners, to tender your Body, individually and collectively, with their ladies, a cordial invitation to attend the "Third Annual Exposition of the Products of the State of Colorado," now open at River Front Park, with the assurance that all will be welcome. The silver badge worn by members will be recognized by the gate-keepers, and the wearers, with ladies, will be admitted at all times except Thursday evening, the twenty-second instant, when the grounds will be in charge of the New York Veteran Firemen.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

FRANK HALL, *Secretary*.

Rep. CARLIN, of Illinois, moved that the invitation be accepted, with the thanks of the Grand Lodge, which was adopted.

The Lodge proceeded to consider reports of committees as they appear on the Journal.

The first report, page 10,854, from the Committee on

Appeals, sustaining the appeal of ALEXANDER MORTON, from the action of the Grand Encampment of Delaware, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. HIRST, of Delaware, moved to postpone the further consideration of the subject until one o'clock to-morrow, which was agreed to.

The next report, page 10,856, from the same committee, sustaining the appeal of ALEXANDER MORTON, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. MORRIS, of Kentucky, moved to postpone the further consideration of the subject until one o'clock to-morrow, which was agreed to.

The next report, page 10,858, from the same committee, sustaining the appeal of CHARLES JACOBS, from the action of the Grand Lodge of California, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,859, from the same committee, sustaining the appeal of JAMES GODWIN, from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,860, from the same committee, dismissing the appeal of St. Anastasia Mesnil Lodge, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,861, from the same committee, on the appeal of WM. H. WELDON, from the action of the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. WATTS, of the Lower Provinces, moved to postpone the further consideration of the report until to-morrow, which was agreed to.

The next report, page 10,862, from the same committee, sustaining the appeal of MILTON N. WEBBER, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,864, from the same committee, dis-



missing the appeal of JAMES STARKEY, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,865, from the same committee, dismissing the appeal of A. J. SMITH and sixteen others, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. KENNER, of Indiana, moved that the further consideration of the subject be postponed until the minority report on the same subject is submitted, which was agreed to.

The next report, page 10,870, from the same committee, sustaining the appeal of HENRY F. ROOS, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,871, from the same committee, sustaining the appeal of Hanover Lodge, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania, moved that the further consideration of the subject be postponed until to-morrow, which was agreed to.

The next report, page 10,873, from the Special Committee on the Permanent Location of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,876, from the High Commission on the Patriarchs Militant Degree, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, moved that the report, except recommendations XVII. and XVIII., page 10,878, be referred to the Committee on Legislation, which was agreed to.

The next report, page 10,890, from the Committee on Finance, certifying to the correctness of the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, was considered and adopted.

Rep. ORENDORFF, of Illinois, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation :

WHEREAS, From the report of the Grand Sire, it appears that complaints have been made against certain insurance organizations working, or claiming to work, under authority of the Order ; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Grand Sire is hereby authorized to appoint, at his discretion, one or more insurance experts, to examine any insurance or benevolent association confining its members to I. O. O. F., and report said examination to the Grand Sire. The entire expense of such examination to be paid by the association or company requesting the same to be made.

Rep. FORNEY, of Idaho, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions:

*Resolved*, That a duplicate Charter be granted to Covenant Lodge, No. 6, of Placerville, Idaho, the original Charter having been destroyed by fire.

Rep. CAMPBELL, of Ontario, moved the following, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Sovereign Grand Lodge now assemble in secret session.

After some time passed in secret session, the regular business was resumed.

Rep. WILCOX, of Ohio, submitted a memorial from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, on the subject of the Degree of Rebekah, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah.

The Grand Sire submitted the following invitation:

Omaha, Nebraska, September 12th, 1887.

*Hon. John H. White, Grand Sire of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., Denver, Colorado:*

I have the honor of addressing you this morning, through the instrumentality of Goodrich Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 144, of this city, in relation to the laying of the corner-stone of our new hall, which is now under construction. At the request of the Lodge and the Grand Master of the State, I have been instructed to invite you and the Sovereign Grand Lodge to be present with us on this occasion, as we intend to make this the grandest affair the West has ever had, and we would be very thankful if you would become master of ceremonies. We have arranged to have the laying of the corner-stone take place shortly after the Denver meeting. We would like to have the Sovereign Grand Lodge stop off at this place at least one day on their way home, and participate in the ceremonies with us. Our hall, when finished, will be the largest this side of Chicago. I would be pleased to hear from you at your earliest convenience, that we can arrange things to suit your coming.

Yours fraternally,

R. V. SLOCUM,

Room 25, Paxton Block, Omaha, Neb.

Rep. MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania, moved the following, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Sovereign Grand Lodge be tendered to the Brethren of Omaha for the invitation extended, and regret that the acceptance of the same is impracticable.



The Grand Secretary submitted the bill of Bro. L. BOURDONNAY, Special Deputy Grand Sire for France, \$1,000, and the bill of Bro. G. C. SCHUELER, D. D. Grand Sire of the Indian Territory, \$31.35, which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

*Resolved*, That the emblematic color of the Patriarchal Degree be known and designated as green, and that of the Golden Rule Degree as gold, this Grand Lodge having adopted a form of dedication of Lodge-rooms in which those colors are designated as the emblematic colors of those degrees.

Rep. COMLEY, of Connecticut, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. JONES, of Maryland, from the Committee on Printing Supplies, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on Printing Supplies respectfully report that the committee organized February 9th, 1887, electing Bro. JOHN M. JONES chairman, and Bro. ALLEN JENCKES secretary. Two meetings were held.

The Grand Secretary was authorized to have the amendments to the Patriarchal Degree (pages 28, 29 and 30 Encampment Charge Book) printed on slips for German Encampment Charge Books, and to procure plates of the same; also, to procure 500 copies of the new Rebekah Degree Lodge Ritual in German.

The contract for printing 250 copies each Volumes VI. and X., Bound Journals, was awarded to John Medole & Son, New York.

A lot of old electrotypes plates were broken up, and, with thirty-five old plate boxes, sold; amount realized for the same was \$50.25.

The Revised Journal of the session of 1886 was completed according to contract, and contains 554 pages. An edition of 17,500 copies was printed at a cost of \$4,206.07; about 24½ cents per copy.

The following supplies have been furnished to the Grand Secretary, viz.: 518 Encampment Charge Books, 50 Patriarchs Militant Tactics, 2,074 Subordinate Lodge Rituals, 415 Rebekah Degree Books, 1,035 Rebekah Degree Lodge Rituals, 37,000 Odes, 518 Book of Odes, 68,000 Visiting and Withdrawal Cards, 3,000 Rebekah Degree Cards, 6,100 Dismissal Certificates, 2,060 Diplomas, 1,029 Book of Forms, 1,540 Funeral Ceremonies, 258 Vol. VI. and 257 Vol. X., Bound Journals, 548 Digests to 1884.

The expenditures have been as follows :

Daily Journal of 1886, \$976.03; Revised Journal of 1886, \$4,206.07; Officers' Reports of 1886, \$337.65; Books and Charts, \$3,681.61; Odes, Cards and Diplomas, \$1,648.63. Total, \$10,850.04.

The contract for printing the Officers' Reports and Revised Journal for session of 1887 was awarded to The J. L. Murphy Publishing Company, Trenton, New Jersey.

The contract for printing the Daily Journal was awarded to The Times Company, Denver, Colorado.

The contract for paper for the Officers' Reports, Daily Journal and Revised Journal was awarded to Dobler & Mudge, Baltimore, Maryland.

The several parties were duly notified, and The J. L. Murphy Publishing Co. and Messrs. Dobler & Mudge promptly filed their obligations to perform the work allotted to them respectively.

On the 2d of July the following was received:

Denver, Colorado, June 21st, 1887.

*Mr. Theo. A. Ross, Grand Secretary:*

DEAR SIR—It is a disappointment to us to have our bid on Revised Journal thrown out because we omitted items which are not in our line of business. We do not care to accept the contract for Daily Journal alone.

Yours truly,

THE TIMES CO.,

By F. S. WOODBURY, *Manager.*

With regrets we return Daily Journal contract.

The Grand Secretary immediately communicated with the members of the Committee on Printing Supplies, and was authorized to invite additional proposals for printing the Daily Journal. By the aid of Bro CHARLES D. COBB, Grand Representative, several proposals were received, and the contract was awarded to The Collier & Cleaveland Lithographing Co., Denver, their proposal being the most favorable.

The agreement of the Company was duly received and placed on file.

The committee submit the following:

*Resolved*, That an engraving of Bro. HENRY F. GAREY, Past Grand Sire, be procured, and the proceedings of the years 1885 and 1886, with suitable index, be printed and bound as Volume XII., with the said engraving inserted, and that one thousand copies be obtained.

*Resolved*, That the privilege granted by the resolution, page 10,646, Journal of 1886, "that the Rituals now in use by Rebekah Degree Lodges may be exchanged for the Revised Ritual, for which old Rituals \$1 each shall be allowed," be extended until April 1st, 1888; and no allowance shall be made for old books destroyed, unless the certificates of destruction are in the hands of the Grand Secretary on or before April 1st, 1888.

*Resolved*, That all German publications, hereafter issued, be printed in Roman letters instead of German text, as heretofore.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. M. JONES,

GEO. W. DILKS,

ISAAC A. SHEPPARD,

WM. H. ISZARD,

THEO. A. ROSS.

Rep. ELLIS, of Illinois, from the Special Committee on Transportation, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

OFFICE OF THE  
SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE COMMITTEE, I. O. O. F.,  
ON TRANSPORTATION,

Denver, September 20th, 1887.

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

The chairman of your special committee, appointed at the last session, to provide transportation for Grand Representatives and the fraternity, begs leave to submit the following report:

After the expenditure of both time and money, he obtained the lowest possible rates under the then existing circumstances, always keeping in view the comfort and expense of those interested, and those of our hosts, the committee of the members of Colorado, that they might not be thwarted in the plans of entertainment arranged for their guests. That he has accomplished the object



sought, he believes the results will fully establish. The circulars distributed contain both the rates and routes, and are sufficient explanation of the labors performed, and obviate the necessity of a more extended report.

Respectfully submitted,

J. WARD ELLIS, *Chairman.*

Rep. STEVENS, of Minnesota, from the Supervisory Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

The Supervisory Committee on the Degree of Patriarchs Militant have the honor to report the continued growth and prosperity of the Militant branch of our Order, which we believe has done eminent service throughout the entire country, in the way of permanently strengthening the Order at large and materially increasing the numerical and financial standing of our Lodges and Encampments.

From information obtained from time to time, from the Lieutenant-General, it appears that the Roster of Chevaliers comprising the Army, taken from reported returns of the annual muster and inspection on the 25th of April, 1887, was, in round numbers, sixteen thousand men, an increase of about four thousand over the number reported as the total membership on April 26th, 1886, an increase of fully thirty-three and one third per cent. upon the original and unprecedented growth of the first year of its existence. The Lieutenant-General expresses to us the belief that the above figures would be found to be too small if full returns could have been received from all Cantons in season, so that the same could have been compiled in his official report to your Grand Body. But it will do as it is, and your committee take great pleasure in being able to report such unparalleled success in the growth of the military branch of the Order.

We desire to call your attention to the further fact that the Patriarchs Militant has completely filled a long-felt need for a display element in Odd Fellowship. It sprang from almost nothing; has met all of the expenses of organization; paid for Rituals, Tactics and other books, forms, blanks, jewels, office furniture, etc.; and besides all of this, has put into the treasury of the Sovereign Grand Lodge the snug little balance of \$1,307.87, as appears by the report of Grand Secretary THEO. A. ROSS. That the Patriarchs Militant has become fully self-sustaining, abundantly appears from an inspection of the financial statement of the Lieutenant-General. This state of things the most sanguine friend of the movement did not dare predict at the time of the adoption of the degree.

Your committee authorized the Commander to accept a prize fund of \$3,000, and to hold a competitive drill at Denver, and, upon certain conditions, to distribute certain jewels, the property of the Patriarchs Militant, as prizes, to officers of the winning Cantons, in the competitive contest for merit and excellency.

The chairman of your committee authorized the Lieutenant-General to contract for the publishing of his report, and thereby he has been able to make a contract, by virtue of which the fully and magnificently illustrated revised report will be obtained without cost to the Patriarchs Militant fund. In like manner permission has been given him to use any money he might be able to obtain, by way of expense donations, toward the purchase of jewels, to be used in the conferring of the Decoration of Chivalry, a decoration ceremony authorized by your committee and unanimously indorsed and approved by the Military Council at its recent session.

Your committee feel, now that the successful establishing of nearly five hundred Cantons has been accomplished, the organization of the Army upon an

elective basis, including the election of a Captain-General, who will ultimately attain to the position of Commander of the Patriarchs Militant has been effected, and the first meeting of the Military Council having been held, that its labors are practically ended, and no good reason now occurs to us calling for a continuance of its existence. But before closing its report, the committee desire to say that, in their opinion, the success and unprecedented growth and prosperity of the Patriarchs Militant are due to the indefatigable energy and untiring perseverance of Lieutenant-General JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, with whom the committee, in the discharge of their duties and otherwise, have, at all times, been upon the most cordial terms, and who has ever shown to its members, individually and as a body, the most courteous and fraternal treatment. In return therefor, it desires to express, in addition to the above, its great appreciation of his meritorious services and devotion to the Order of which he has become so distinguished a member.

In surrendering the important trust confided to our keeping, your committee must express its heartfelt thanks for the confidence reposed in it, which it does with grateful remembrance of the honor conferred by the Grand Sire and the Sovereign Grand Lodge in appointing and confirming it.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. ALBIN,  
WM. S. JOHNSON,

HENRY P. COX,  
ED. A. STEVENS.

CHAS. N. ALEXANDER,

Rep. CAPEN, of Maine, from the Committee on Legislation, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution offered by Bro. NICHOLSON, Past Grand Sire, have fully considered the same and recommend the adoption of the following:

*Resolved,* That the only persons who are the beneficiaries of a funeral benefit are the widow, orphans or dependent relatives of the deceased, or relatives upon whom the deceased was dependent at the time of death. Dependent relatives are relatives who were members of the family of the deceased, and were dependent upon the deceased for support at the time of death.

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. CAPEN,  
FRED CARLETON,  
HENRY C. HEDGES,

E. D. HOGE,  
T. J. ATKINS,

L. GRAHAM,  
B. F. ROUNDS,

WALTER E. CARLIN.

Rep. HOGE, of Utah, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, asking that a law be passed by this Grand Body authorizing Subordinate Lodges to appropriate funds belonging to such Lodges to defray the expenses of its anniversary, and that of the Order, having examined the matter, think such legislation inexpedient, and offer the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject-matter.

Respectfully submitted,

E. D. HOGE,  
L. GRAHAM,  
R. B. CAPEN,

HENRY C. HEDGES, FRED CARLETON,  
WALTER E. CARLIN, C. C. PEARCE,  
T. J. ATKINS.



Rep. HEDRICK, of Nebraska, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the application for a Grand Lodge for the Territory of New Mexico, would report that they have examined the certificates and papers relating thereto, find them in form, and that a Warrant for said Grand Lodge was duly issued on the third day of September, 1887. We would offer the following, and recommend its adoption :

*Resolved*, That the action of the Grand Officers be approved, and the Charter for the Grand Lodge of New Mexico be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. HEDRICK,

C. SHRIVER,

C. D. ANDERSON.

FRANCIS M. REA,

WM. H. RUBY,

WM. R. DUTEMPLE,

C. D. COBB,

Rep. HEISLER, of Colorado, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following minority report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

The undersigned, members of your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of A. J. SMITH and sixteen others *vs.* St. Anastasia Mesnil Lodge, No. 46, of Indiana, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, not being able to concur with the other members of the committee, make this a minority report thereon, as follows :

From the record presented, it appears that at a regular meeting of said St. Anastasia Mesnil Lodge, on February 9th, 1887, on motion of P. G. HUTTON, the Lodge voted to loan to Canton Wabash \$600 for the period of ten years without interest, and to take as *security* a chattel mortgage on the *regalia* of said Canton, and the loan was consummated in due course of time accordingly.

A. J. SMITH and sixteen others, members of the Lodge, appealed to the Grand Lodge of Indiana, and stated as their grounds of appeal, among other things, that the voting of the funds as aforesaid was instigated and carried principally by members that belonged to said Canton; that the transaction did not meet with the approval of a majority of the Lodge, and that they believed the said transaction to be impolitic, unjust and at variance with the principles of Odd Fellowship, and contrary to her laws and usages; and also believe that such a proceeding is calculated to do violence to her best interest, to disturb her peace and harmony, and probably disrupt the Lodge; and we firmly believe that to establish such a precedent would work ruin to the vital principles of Odd Fellowship, and open a door through which invasions upon her treasury may become easy and frequent, even to her complete depletion. And further, they say: "We regard the security proposed to be given and accepted as no security in reality, at least not such as should be accepted by Odd Fellows for Odd Fellows' money; nor should such security be offered by Odd Fellows to Odd Fellows."

The Grand Lodge of Indiana refused to sustain their said appeal, and they appealed to this Grand Lodge.

As to whether the members of said Lodge who belonged to Canton Wabash were entitled to vote on the question of making such loan, the law on the subject, prior to 1885, was as follows:

"That no member or members of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment shall



vote upon any question in which he or they may be interested, or in which he or they intend to become interested, by reason of his or their connection or intended connection with any Lodge or Encampment of this Order then existing or about to exist, or with any other organization."—*Journal of 1873*, pp. 5776, 5785.

Under this law there can be no doubt but that the members of Canton Wabash would not have the right of voting on the subject of making the said loan.

In 1885, (Journal, p. 10,094,) the above law was amended so as to read as follows:

"*Resolved*, That no member of a Lodge or Encampment shall vote upon any question relating to the fiscal affairs of his Lodge or Encampment, in the result of which he has a direct *personal* interest; but may vote upon all questions concerning the leasing or renting of the hall, or other property of his Lodge or Encampment, to any Lodge, Encampment, Canton, Rebekah Degree Lodge or Uniformed Degree Camp of this Order, and that all law in conflict herewith be and the same is hereby repealed."

In enacting the above law, we think this Grand Lodge had in contemplation the renting of a hall or the use of other Lodge fixtures and paraphernalia, and that it did not contemplate the loaning of the funds of the Lodge, and that, therefore, the law on the loaning of the funds of a Lodge stands just as it did before the enactment of the resolution above quoted, found on p. 10,094 of the Journal.

Again, the General Laws of Subordinate Lodges in Indiana provide, Chapter III., Section 3, that "the duties of the Trustees of each Lodge shall be to safely invest or loan such Lodge funds as may be intrusted to them for that purpose, in conformity to and not in violation of the laws of the State, and as prescribed in these General Laws, the loan and security being first approved by a majority of the members present at a regular meeting of the Lodge." And we do not find anywhere in said laws any other mode of loaning the funds of a Lodge, or that it can be done by any other medium than through the Trustees.

Said General Laws further provide, Chapter XII., Sections 1 and 2:

#### " LODGE FUNDS.

"SECTION 1. The funds, properties, etc., of the Subordinate Lodges having been raised for the purpose of relieving sick and distressed Brethren, and other charitable uses of the Order, are not subject to be divided in any manner among the members individually, or between one Lodge and another—except to those who may withdraw therefrom for the purpose of organizing a new Lodge—but shall remain, for its legitimate purpose, the property of the Lodge, subject to the liabilities of the Grand Lodge, so long as its Charter is unreclaimed and five Brothers remain in good standing in the Lodge.

"SEC. 2. A Lodge has not the right to vote out funds for a festival, excursion, or other occasion, as it may elect, even though it has the proper permission from the Grand Officers to hold such festival, etc., in the name of the Order. The money in the treasury of a Lodge is stamped as *trust* funds, only to be used for the *legitimate* objects of the Order. These *legitimate* objects are summed up in the 'Tract on Odd Fellowship' as follows: 'The peculiar office of a Subordinate Lodge is to provide the means to meet the claims of its sick and distressed members, to care for them properly during their illness, to bury the dead, to succor the widow, and to educate the orphan.' The Sovereign Grand Lodge has extended the construction of the phrase 'legitimate purposes of the Lodge' to include an appropriation to celebrate the introduction of the Order in America. Funds paid into the treasury for these purposes, or to answer the legitimate expenses of a Lodge, cannot be diverted from the treasury to be expended in pleasure excursions, picnics, or the like, for these are not the legitimate purposes of the Lodge, and any such expenditure is a misappropriation of the funds, and not to be countenanced."

It is very probable that if a Lodge is going to loan its money without inter-



est or security, it could not be loaned to any institution or person from which it would be so likely to reap a benefit as a Canton composed of its own members; but if a Lodge has a right to make such a loan to a Canton, it may make it to any individual, association or corporation, whether they are able to repay or are absolutely worth nothing, and have neither ability nor inclination to repay. A chattel mortgage upon regalia of a Canton that is ten years old, and has seen ten years' service when the debt becomes due, is certainly little or no better than no security at all, and we think it unwise for the Grand Lodge to encourage Lodges to loan their funds in that way, or to allow the same to be done. The funds should be safely kept for the purposes for which they were paid in by the members, under the rules and laws of the Lodge, so that they may be called for at any time, to be applied to their legitimate use, or should be loaned on *first class* security only, and at a rate of interest that will reasonably compensate for the use of the money, and thus add to the coffers of the Lodge, which it holds and uses for charitable purposes. It may be that Canton Wabash needed the funds, and that the Lodge may reap some benefit from the loan, but if the door is once opened for the withdrawing of large sums from the funds of Lodges, to be put to other purposes than their legitimate uses for which they were paid in by the members, without interest and without security, when and how can we get it closed? All our financial existence is based on the treasury of the Subordinate Lodges. Is it not our duty to see that the same is properly cared for?

The following is therefore offered:

*Resolved*, That the appeal of A. J. SMITH and sixteen others vs. St. Anastasia Mesnil Lodge, No. 46, and the Grand Lodge of Indiana, be sustained, and the Grand Lodge of Indiana be directed to require Canton Wabash to either give said Lodge good and first-class security for the repayment of said sum, when due, and pay the legal rate of interest annually therefor to said Lodge, or repay said sum so borrowed within a reasonable time; as said Lodge may choose.

And that it be the sense of this Grand Body that no Lodge should divert its funds from the uses for which they were paid in, nor loan the same at any time without ample security being given and a reasonable interest being paid.

We may say further, this report is made at the special request of three of the Grand Representatives from the State of Indiana.

Respectfully submitted.

J. P. HEISLER,

J. A. GIBSON.

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Chevalier P. H. STEARNS from the action of Grand Canton Worcester, No. 3, Patriarchs Militant, I. O. O. F., in dishonorably discharging him from membership in said Canton, respectfully report the following facts and their conclusions therefrom, to wit:

October 21st, 1886, at a regular Cantonment of Grand Canton Worcester, No. 3, Patriarchs Militant, a motion was made and carried that Chevalier P. H. STEARNS be dishonorably discharged from Grand Canton Worcester, No. 3, for disobedience of orders issued from Army Headquarters.

This action, it appears, was taken by the Canton in the absence of Chevalier STEARNS, without any notice to him or previous official information that any action affecting him was to be had.

October 22d, Chevalier STEARNS was notified by the Clerk of the Canton, under its seal, of the action taken.

November 5th, Chevalier STEARNS addressed a note to the Commandant of said Canton, inquiring why such action was taken; also whether any charges had been preferred against him, saying that if there had been he was not informed of them.

To this communication the Commandant replied, under date of November 12th, 1886, in which reply he states that he was discharged for disobedience of orders issued from Army Headquarters; that those orders were promulgated by the Grand Patriarch of Massachusetts and read in Mount Vernon Encampment, and doubtless the Scribe had them on file.

From this action of the Canton Chevalier STEARNS appealed, December 16th, 1886, to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, on the ground that he had been expelled from the Canton without trial or hearing.

From the facts above set forth, and there is no dispute regarding them, it appears that he was dishonorably discharged from the Canton without trial or hearing.

Chevalier STEARNS has complied fully with the law requiring his appeal to be sent up "through proper military channels." It comes to your committee, having been forwarded,

*First.* By the Clerk of Grand Canton Worcester, No. 3, to the Headquarters of the Second Regiment, Second Brigade, of the Department of Massachusetts.

*Second.* By the Colonel of the Second Regiment, Second Brigade, to the Headquarters of the Second Brigade of that Department, with an indorsement of his disapproval of the subject-matter of the appeal, giving his reasons therefor.

*Third.* By the General commanding the Second Brigade to the Headquarters of the Major-General of the Department of the East, commending this Grand Body to duly consider the statements and reasons submitted by the Colonel, and rather approving the course of procedure adopted by the Canton.

*Fourth.* By the General commanding the Division of the East, without expression of opinion, to the Army Headquarters.

*Fifth.* By the Lieutenant-General to the Grand Sire, as Commander-in-Chief, with an indorsement of his disapproval of the action of the Canton in resorting to a "Drum-Head" court-martial in times of peace.

By the Grand Sire, as Commander-in-Chief, to your committee.

As this is the first appeal that has reached this Grand Body, arising out of any grievance under the law creating the Degree of Patriarchs Militant, your committee deem it proper and due to all parties concerned, and to this Grand Body, that the *reasons* for the course pursued by Grand Canton Worcester, No. 3, should be as fully presented as the *record*, which is the proceedings of the Canton, as certified by the Clerk, and the statements indorsed thereon by officers of the different departments through which it has passed in reaching this Grand Body, may disclose them.

The only reason furnished by the *record* for the course pursued is found in the last sentence of the letter of the Commandant of the Canton, in reply to the request of Chevalier STEARNS to know why he had been summarily expelled, in which he says: "It seems that you have *forgotten* the *obligation* that you took when you was mustered in."

The Colonel gives six reasons for approving the action of the Canton, as follows:

"*First.* The said P. H. STEARNS did voluntarily and solemnly assume all the obligations and pledges contained in the Ritual for mustering a Canton, one of the fundamental principles of which is, that all orders issued by superior officers shall be respected and obeyed.

"*Second.* That all orders pertaining to Canton Worcester or its members were properly promulgated; that General Order No. 12, paragraphs 16 and 17, were so promulgated, and that said STEARNS was cognizant of the existence of the same; that his defiance of said order, and his assertion of his purpose



to disregard and disobey it, made at various times to different individuals, is proof positive of the fact, his statement to the contrary notwithstanding.

"*Third.* The said STEARNS has never taken any interest in, or (to my knowledge) ever attended any meetings of the Canton since he was mustered, and has used his influence against the success of this branch of the Order, by frequently and publicly declaring that the rules and regulations established for the discipline of the Army could not be maintained; that he should act his own pleasure in such matters, and especially as to General Order No. 12, he should disregard it entirely.

"*Fourth.* On the twenty-second day of September, 1886, the said STEARNS, in violation of General Order No. 12, paragraphs 16 and 17, Headquarters of the Army, and also contrary to obligations voluntarily taken upon himself when mustered, did absent himself from Canton Worcester, No. 3, and did parade in the ranks of another organization upon the same day and upon the same occasion.

"*Fifth.* The whole subject in connection with the conduct of the said STEARNS having become a matter of general interest and speculation among Chevaliers and Patriarchs as to whether any kind of discipline and authority could be maintained by the Patriarchs Militant officers, it was deemed that the exigencies of the case demanded prompt and decisive action on the part of the Canton. There being no formulated code of by-laws or rules or regulations for the trial and discharge of members promulgated, and fearing that long delays for action in procuring formulated rules would vitiate all beneficial results which might be gained by prompt action, the Canton took such course as the exigencies of the case seemed to demand.

"*Sixth.* That while there are some truthful statements in the appeal of the said STEARNS, as to his past standing in the Order, there are others, the truth of which a full knowledge of all the facts bearing upon the same will scarcely substantiate."

These are the only reasons presented, and presumably all that are entitled to any consideration, why a Chevalier should be expelled from his Canton and disgraced, without *notice, trial or hearing*, and they, by the General commanding the Brigade, are commended to your careful consideration. They are all *ex parte*. The Chevalier accused has had no opportunity to answer any of them.

Taken in their full force, they form, in the opinion of your committee, no justification for the course pursued. That Canton was at the time under By-Laws, as were all others, Section 1 of Article XIII. of which says: "A Chevalier shall not be expelled from membership in the Canton without cause, nor until charges have been preferred against him in writing, and notice thereof given or mailed to him, together with summons to appear at a stated regular Cantonment and answer in person or by counsel, nor until conviction after a fair and impartial trial."

Under that section, with the forms of procedure in every jurisdiction, as well as those of the Grand Body for the government of its Subordinates, no Canton could be in any reasonable doubt as to the course to be pursued and how to pursue it, and therefore there was no necessity for Canton Worcester, No. 3, to introduce a procedure unknown to the laws of Odd Fellowship and repugnant to the principles of the degree under which it was organized.

Your committee therefore submit the following:

*Resolved*, That the appeal of P. H. STEARNS from the action of Grand Canton Worcester, No. 3, be sustained, on the ground that he has had *no trial* for any offense, and any action without such trial is *null and void*, and does not prejudice the right of the Canton to proceed in legal form.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STEBBINS,  
JNO. B. GOODWIN,  
J. A. GIBSON,

R. E. WRIGHT,  
WM. W. MORRIS,  
J. N. VAN DEMAN,

WM. S. JOHNSON,  
W. L. KUYKENDALL,  
J. P. HEISLER.



Rep. MACDIARMID, of Ontario, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on Unfinished Business, having examined the printed Journal of 1886, beg leave to report the following matters which require consideration at this session :

*First.* The petition of T. B. ROBINSON, P. G. of Templar Lodge, No. 17. I. O. O. F., of California, was, on motion of Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, referred to the Grand Lodge of California, to inquire into the action of Templar Lodge, No. 17, and to report the same, with all facts in relation thereto, at the present session of this Grand Body. Page 10,512.

*Second.* The invitation extended by the Grand Lodge of Missouri to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, that the session of 1888 be held in the city of St. Louis, was, on motion of Bro. STOKES, P. G. Sire, referred to this session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge for consideration. Page 10,417.

*Third.* The report of the Committee on Appeals in the matter of ROBERT BROWN vs. Humane Lodge, No. 127, New Jersey (page 10,495), was postponed until this session, with leave to the Grand Lodge to amend the record by sending up, duly certified, all the records in the case. Page 10,643.

*Fourth.* The following amendments to the Constitution will come up for consideration at this session :

Amendment proposed by Rep. REINECKE, of Kentucky—Section 4, Article I., page 10,482.

Amendment proposed by Rep. FREER, of California—Section 2, Article XVI., page 10,483.

Amendment proposed by Rep. REA, of Pennsylvania—Section 2, Article I., page 10,666.

Amendment proposed by Rep. HOCKIN, of the Lower Provinces—Section 2, Article XVI., page 10,666.

Amendment proposed by Rep. BOYLES, of Tennessee—Article XII., page 10,517.

*Fifth.* The consideration of the sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth resolutions in the report of the Lieutenant-General, Patriarchs Militant, to be found on pages 10,540 and 10,541 of the Journal, was postponed, on motion of Rep. BUSBEE, of North Carolina, until this session. Page 10,641.

*Sixth.* The Committee on Dues and Benefits, to whom was referred the resolution of Bro. STOKES, Past Grand Sire (Journal, page 10,439), was, on motion of Bro. NICHOLSON, Past Grand Sire, continued from the last session of this Grand Body. Page 10,661. All of which is

Respectfully submitted,

W. MACDIARMID,

WM. MCCOY,

J. P. YOUNG,

W. T. JOHNSTON,

C. B. COOPER,

S. E. BLAUVELT,

R. E. PADDOCK,

HIRAM HILL,

A. F. RICHARDSON.

Rep. BLANKS, of Virginia, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the following resolution offered by Rep. RANDALL, of California, viz. :

*“Resolved,* That mileage to officers and Representatives at this session be fixed at ten cents per mile one way, by the nearest possible route, and that per diem



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be fixed at \$5 per day, computed for the actual time required for transit to and from the residence of the officer or Representative, by the shortest possible traveled route, in addition to daily attendance,"

Respectfully offer the following in lieu thereof:

*Resolved*, That mileage to officers and Representatives at this session be fixed at ten cents per mile one way, by the nearest traveled route; and that per diem be fixed at \$5 per day for six days.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES B. BLANKS, M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, GEORGE W. DILKS,  
L. H. STANNARD, JAS. R. MILLER.

Rep. RANDALL, of California, from the same committee, made the following minority report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

The undersigned, a minority of the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. RANDALL, of California, on page 10,854, Journal, have had the same under consideration, and recommend that it be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. RANDALL, O. S. MCKINNEY, W. R. DUNBAR.

Rep. MCKINNEY, of West Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the application of the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia, for remission of Sovereign Grand Lodge tax for the year 1884, would respectfully report that it appears, from the application for the remission of the tax, that it was impossible for the said Grand Encampment to be represented at that session, and, from new facts presented to us at this session, we recommend that the sum of \$75 be passed to the credit of said Grand Encampment.

Respectfully submitted,

O. S. MCKINNEY, CHAS. H. RANDALL, GEO. W. DILKS,  
JAS. R. MILLER, M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, W. R. DUNBAR,  
L. H. STANNARD, JAMES B. BLANKS.

Rep. MILLER, of Illinois, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the application of the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, requesting the remission of the Sovereign Grand Lodge tax for the years 1885, 1886 and 1887, aggregating \$225, would respectfully report as follows:

Your committee are unanimously of the opinion that the income of the Sovereign Grand Lodge should be sacredly guarded, and that no encouragement should be given to any Grand Body to foster a feeling of dependence on the Sovereign Grand Lodge, yet, under the peculiar circumstances of the Grand

Encampment of South Carolina, we are of the opinion that the best interests of the Order in that jurisdiction make it necessary that this tax should be remitted. We therefore recommend that the request be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. R. MILLER,      GEORGE W. DILKS, W. R. DUNBAR,  
CHAS. H. RANDALL,    JAMES B. BLANKS, M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,  
L. H. STANNARD,      O. S. MCKINNEY.

Rep. DILKS, of New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the application of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, to be relieved from the payment of the Representative tax for the year 1887, amounting to \$75, would respectfully report that the financial condition of said Grand Lodge is such that we feel that a necessity exists justifying the committee in recommending that their application be granted. We therefore offer the following for adoption:

*Resolved,* That the Representative tax due from the Grand Lodge of British Columbia for the year 1887, amounting to \$75, be and the same is hereby remitted.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. DILKS,    L. H. STANNARD,      O. S. MCKINNEY,  
JAMES B. BLANKS,    M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,    C. H. RANDALL,  
W. R. DUNBAR,      J. R. MILLER.

Rep. MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the request made by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary on behalf of the newly-constituted Grand Lodge of New Mexico, to have the various sums paid into the treasury of the Sovereign Grand Lodge by the various Subordinate Lodges from January 1st, 1887, to September 7th, 1887, amounting in the aggregate to \$220.32, credited to the Grand Lodge, have taken the subject into consideration. The committee find that the action of this Sovereign Grand Lodge in the cases of the Grand Encampments of Washington and Montana was of a similar character. (See pages 9808 and 9809, Journal of 1886.) They therefore offer the following:

*Resolved,* That the amount of \$220 32, received from the Subordinate Lodges of New Mexico, from January 1st, 1887, to September 7th, 1887, be transferred to the credit of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,

M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,    JAS. R. MILLER,    O. S. MCKINNEY,  
C. H. RANDALL,          W. R. DUNBAR,    L. H. STANNARD  
GEORGE W. DILKS,      J. B. BLANKS.

Rep. POWERS, of Iowa, moved that the Grand Lodge now adjourn, which was agreed to, and the Grand Sire declared the Grand Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M., to-morrow.



WEDNESDAY, September 21st, 1887—9 o'clock A. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled this day, pursuant to adjournment. Present :

OFFICERS.

JOHN H. WHITE.....Grand Sire.  
JOHN C. UNDERWOOD.....Deputy Grand Sire.  
THEO. A. ROSS.....Grand Secretary.  
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD.....Grand Treasurer.  
ALLEN JENCKES.....Assistant Grand Secretary.  
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....Grand Chaplain.  
WM. H. STEVENSON.....Grand Marshal.  
WALTER G. DYE.....Grand Guardian.  
W. H. FRAZIER.....Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....Pennsylvania.  
JAMES P. SANDERS.....New York.  
JOHN W. STOKES.....Pennsylvania.  
ERIE J. LEECH.....Iowa.  
HENRY F. GABEY.....Maryland.

And a quorum of Grand Bodies.

The Deputy Grand Sire and Grand Marshal, by order, examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified.

Prayer by Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, Grand Chaplain.

The Deputy Grand Sire, by direction of the Grand Sire, declared the Grand Lodge open for business.

Rep. DEUBERT, of New York, moved that the reading of the Journal of yesterday be dispensed with, which was adopted.

Rep. DEUBERT, of New York, moved that the paper relative to the granting of Charters for Cantons in the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of New York, on page 10,850, Journal, be withdrawn from the Committee on the State of the Order, and returned to the Representatives of the Grand Encampment of New York for correction, which was agreed to.

The Grand Secretary presented the certificate of A. J. KENT, P. G. and P. C. P., elected Representative from the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, which was referred to the Committee on Credentials.

Rep. RANDALL, of California, moved that the majority and minority reports of the Committee on Finance, pages 10,914,

10,915, relating to the mileage and per diem to be allowed at this session, be considered, which was agreed to.

Bro. STOKES, P. G. Sire, moved that the majority report be adopted.

The question being on the report,

Rep. RANDALL, of California, moved to amend by substituting the minority report.

The question being on the amendment,

Rep. COMLEY, of Connecticut, called for the yeas and nays, which were ordered.

The motion to substitute the minority for the majority report was not adopted.

The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Celley, Clark, of Wisconsin, Coddington, Dunbar, Forney, Freer, Gambell, Henry, Johnston, Lyman, Mack, McKinney, Metschan, Minta, Randall, Shields, Shriver, Stillson, Tucker, Tweedale—20.

NAYS.—Reps. Atkins, Aydelott, Barry, Blanks (2 votes), Blauvelt, Bradshaw, Brainard, Busbee, Camp, Campbell, Capen, Carleton, Carlin, Clark, of Minnesota, Comley, Cooper, Cornwell, Cotton, Crane, Crichlow, Cushing, Dean, Demars, Deubert, Dilks, Dodson, Dorsett, Dufour, Dutemple, Edwards, Ellingham, Ellis, Friedheim, Gibson, of Arkansas, Gibson, of Texas, Gifford, Goodwin, Graham, Greenfield, Guthrie, Hart, Hedges (2 votes), Hedrick (2 votes), Heisler (2 votes), Heitman, Higgins, Hill, of Massachusetts, Hill, of New Hampshire, Hill, of Virginia, Hirst, Hoge, Holmes (2 votes), Iszard, Jeter, Jewell, Johnson (2 votes), Jones, of Kansas, Jones, of Maryland, Kendall, Kenner, Kiger, Kines, Kuykendall, Lee, Loeb, Macdiarmid, Makemson, Malvern, McCoy, McMurphy, Merrill, Miller, Moore, Morris, Mucklé, Newton, Noland, Oliver, Orendorff, Paddock, Parker, Pearce, of Florida, Peers, Petty, Phister, Pilsbury, Powers, Price, Rea, Reedy, Reinecke, Rice, of Alabama, Rice, of Dakota, Richardson, Robbe, Robbins, Rounds (2 votes), Rowe, Ruby, Ruprecht, Ryley, Schroeder, Semmes, Sheridan, Silber, Slack, Slocumb, Smith, Stannard, Stebins, Stevens (2 votes), Strouse, Tuttle, Van Deman, Voegtle, Watson, Watts, Welsh, Wheeler, Whitney, Wildman, Wright, Young—131.

The question recurring on the majority report,

Rep. LOEB, of Montana, moved to amend by substituting the following for the resolution reported by the committee:

*Resolved*, That the mileage of all members coming from the Pacific States and Territories be the sum of twelve cents per mile one way.

The question being on the amendment,

Rep. MCKINNEY, of West Virginia, moved to further amend by substituting the following:

*Resolved*, That mileage to officers and Representatives at this session be fixed at ten cents per mile, one way, by the route actually traveled in reaching this



session; *provided*, such route shall have been reasonably direct from the home of such officer or Representative, and that per diem be fixed at \$5 per day for six days.

Rep. MORRIS, of Kentucky, moved the previous question, which was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of Rep. McKINNEY?" which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. LOEB, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report of the majority of the Committee on Finance, page 10,914, it was adopted.

The hour, 10 o'clock A. M., designated as a special order for the consideration of proposed amendments to the Constitution, having arrived, the Lodge proceeded to consider the propositions on the Journal.

The first proposition, page 10,482, Journal, as follows, was considered:

*Resolved*, That Section 4, Article I., of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended so as to read as follows:

With the consent of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of a State, District or Territory, an appeal may be had by any Subordinate Lodge or Encampment to the Sovereign Grand Lodge; such consent, however, not being necessary when an expelled Lodge or Encampment, after having surrendered to its Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment all its effects, appeals from such decision. Appeals may also be heard from a member or members of a State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment from the decision thereof; but in all cases the decision of the State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall be final and conclusive, until reversed by this Grand Lodge, on a direct appeal therefrom. All appeals to the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall be subject to such general regulations as it may adopt.

The question being on the adoption of the proposed amendment,

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, moved that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the proposed amendment, it was resolved in the negative.

The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Atkins, Aydelott, Barry, Blanks, Block, Brainard, Busbee, Campbell, Capen, Carleton, Carlin, Clark, of Minnesota, Clark, of Wisconsin, Codding, Cotton, Crichlow, Cushing, Dean, DeMars, Dodson, Dorsett, Dufour, Dunbar, Dutemple, Edwards, Ellis, Freer, Friedheim, Gambell, Gibson, of Texas,

Gifford, Goodwin, Graham, Greenfield, Guthrie, Hedges, Henry (2 votes), Hill, of Massachusetts, Hill, of Rhode Island, Hirst, Hoge, Holmes, Janes, Johnson, Jones, of Kansas, Jones, of Maryland, Kelsey, Kendall, Kiger, Kines, Kuykendall, Lee, Lyman, Macdiarmid, Makemson, Malvern, McCoy, McKinney (2 votes), McMurphy, Merrill, Metschan, Minta, Morris, Newsalt, Newton, Noland, Ostrander, Pearce, of Virginia, Petty, Phister, Powers, Price, Randall, Rea, Reedy, Reinecke, Rice, of Dakota, Robbe, Robbins, Rounds, Rowe, Ruby, Ruprecht, Ryley, Schroeder, Sheridan, Shriver, Silber, Slack (2 votes), Slocumb, Stevens, Stillson, Tucker, Tuttle, Tweedale, Van Deman, Watson, Welsh (2 votes), Whitney, Wilcox, Wright—105.

NAYS.—Reps. Anderson, Blauvelt, Bradshaw, Camp, Cobb, Comley, Cooper, Cornwall, Crane, Deubert, Dilks, Gibson, of Arkansas, Gibson, of Nebraska, Hart, Hedrick, Heisler, Heitman, Hill, of New Hampshire, Iszard, Jeter, Jewell, Kenner, Mack, Miller, Moore, Paddock, Parker, Peers, Rice, of Alabama, Semmes, Shields, Smith, Stannard, Stebbins, Wheeler, Young—36.

The next proposition, page 10,483, Journal, as follows, was considered :

*Resolved*, That Section 2, Article XVI., of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

SECTION 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males, of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of eighteen years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe: *provided, however*, that in Australia, New Zealand, and other countries not on the Continent of North America, in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualification as to age shall be left to local legislation.

The question being on the adoption of the proposed amendment,

Rep. RANDALL, of California, moved that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed, which was not agreed to, 52 voting in the affirmative and 65 in the negative.

The question recurring on the adoption of the proposed amendment, it was resolved in the negative.

The yeas and nays appeared as follows :

YEAS.—Reps. Anderson, Atkins, Aydelott, Barry, Blanks, Blauvelt, Brainard, Campbell, Carlin (2 votes), Clark, of Wisconsin, Coddington, Cooper, Cornwell, Crichlow, Cushing, DeMars, Deubert, Dilks, Dufour, Dunbar, Dutemple, Edwards, Forney, Freer, Friedheim, Gambell, Gibson, of Arkansas, Gibson, of Nebraska, Graham, Greenfield, Hedges, Heitman, Hill, of Rhode Island, Hill, of Virginia, Iszard, Jeter, Johnston, Jones, of Kansas, Jones, of Maryland, Kelsey, Kenner (2 votes), Kiger, Kines, Macdiarmid, Mack, Malvern, Metschan, Miller, Minta, Moore, Morris, Mucklé, Noland, Oliver, Ostrander, Parker, Peers, Petty, Price, Rea, Rice, of Alabama, Rice, of Dakota, Robbe, Rowe, Ruby, Schroeder, Semmes, Sheridan, Shields, Silber, Slack, Slocumb, Smith, Stebbins, Tucker, Tweedale, Van Deman, Watson, Watts, Welsh, Wheeler, Whitney, Wilcox, Young—86.



NAYS.—Reps. Block, Bradshaw, Busbee, Camp, Capen, Carleton, Clark, of Minnesota (2 votes), Cobb, Comley, Crane, Dean (2 votes), Dodson, Dorsett, Ellingham, Gibson, of Texas, Gifford, Goodwin, Guthrie, Hart, Hedrick, Heisler, Henry (2 votes), Higgins, Hill, of Massachusetts (2 votes), Hill, of New Hampshire, Hirst, Holmes, Janes, Jewell, Johnson, Kendall, Kuykendall, Lyman, Makemson, McCoy, McKinney, McMurphy (2 votes), Merrill, Newsalt, Newton, Orendorff, Paddock, Pearce, of Florida, Pearce, of Virginia, Powers, Randall, Reedy, Reinecke (2 votes), Richardson, Robbins, Rounds, Ruprecht, Ryley, Shriver, Stannard, Stevens, Strouse, Tuttle, Wright—65.

The next proposition, page 10,517, Journal, as follows, was considered :

*Resolved*, That Article XII. of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge be amended by striking out the word "third" in the first line of said article, and insert instead thereof the word "second," making the time for the meeting of this Grand Lodge the second Monday of September.

The question being on the adoption of the proposed amendment,

Rep. DILKS, of New York, moved that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed, which was agreed to.

The next proposition, page 10,666, Journal, as follows, was considered :

Amend the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, Article I, by inserting, as Section 10, the following :

State Grand Bodies are empowered to construe the intent and meaning of the laws adopted by them for the government of their Subordinates, and their decision shall be final and conclusive.

The question being on the adoption of the proposed amendment,

Rep. CARLETON, of Texas, moved that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed, which was agreed to.

The next proposition, page 10,666, Journal, as follows, was considered :

Amend Section 2, Article XVI., of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, by inserting after the word "age," in the eighth line thereof, the words "and color," so that the article shall read as follows :

ARTICLE XVI., SECTION 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; *provided, however*, that in Australia, New Zealand, and other countries not on the Continent of North America, in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualifications as to age and color shall be left to local legislation.

The question being on the adoption of the proposed amendment,

Rep. SHRIVER, of West Virginia, moved that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed.

Rep. SEMMES, of Alabama, moved the previous question, which was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the motion of Rep. SHRIVER, of West Virginia?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The jurisdictions were called, when

Reps. RANDALL, FREER, LYMAN and MINTA, of California, moved the following:

*Resolved*, That the next regular session of this Sovereign Grand Lodge be held at the city of Los Angeles, State of California.

The question being on the resolution,

Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, moved that the further consideration of the subject be postponed until to-morrow, which was agreed to.

Rep. HEISLER, of Colorado, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER, I. O. O. F., OF ARIZONA,

Tombstone, A. T., July 17th, 1887.

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

We respectfully petition your Sovereign Grand Body to place this Grand Jurisdiction on the same basis that the Sovereign Grand Lodge, at its last annual session, placed the Grand Jurisdiction of Utah, in the matter of mileage and per diem to its Representatives.

Our reasons for making this appeal to your Sovereign Grand Lodge are as follows:

*First.* This Grand Jurisdiction pays to the Sovereign Grand Lodge the same dues as other Grand Jurisdictions having one Representative, and we therefore think that its Representative should be entitled to the same rights and privileges as the Representatives of such other Grand Jurisdictions.

*Second.* By withholding mileage and per diem from the Representative of this Grand Jurisdiction the Sovereign Grand Lodge practically deprives this Grand Jurisdiction of representation in the Sovereign Grand Lodge, as but few members of the Grand Lodge of Arizona are able to personally bear the expense necessarily incurred by our Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

*Third.* We regard it as diametrically opposite to the genius and teachings of Odd Fellowship, to assist the strong and withhold the helping hand from the weak.

*Fourth.* In pressing our petition, we think that we are but asking justice at the hands of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, as this Grand Jurisdiction pays the same dues to the Sovereign Grand Lodge as other Grand Jurisdictions with one Representative, and we feel confident that the Sovereign Grand Lodge will not regard the Grand Jurisdiction of Arizona as too *weak* to draw mileage and per



diem with other Grand Jurisdictions, but *strong* enough to pay dues to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, as well as such other Grand Jurisdictions.

*Fifth.* We refer your Grand Body to the action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, at its last annual session, in placing the Grand Lodge of Utah on an equal basis with other Grand Lodges in the matter of mileage and per diem, and we refer your Grand Body to the argument presented at that time by the Grand Lodge of Utah, and feel sure that your Grand Body will be as ready to do an act of justice to the Grand Jurisdiction of Arizona.

Fraternally yours,

[SEAL]

A. L. GROW, *Grand Master.*

N. A. MORFORD, *Grand Secretary.*

A. L. GROW, *Grand Master,*

F. K. MILLER, *Deputy Grand Master,*

P. K. HICKEY, *Grand Warden.*

N. A. MORFORD, *Grand Secretary,*

C. A. LUKE, *Grand Treasurer,*

W. L. WHEPLEY, *Grand Representative,*  
*Standing Committee.*

Rep. MILLER, of Illinois, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation :

*First.* Whenever charges are brought in any Subordinate Lodge against any member thereof, according to the laws of the jurisdiction, but said member is so remote from the Lodge that he cannot reasonably be brought to trial therein, but he is near some other Lodge of this Order in his own or other jurisdiction, said accused member may be brought to trial in said nearer or adjacent Lodge, as follows :

*Second.* In any jurisdiction, the Grand Lodge thereof may make such regulation of a transfer of a trial as may seem expedient; but until such local legislation shall be had, the regulations hereinafter enacted shall prevail as in case of diverse jurisdictions.

*Third.* If the accused is in any other jurisdiction than his own, the Lodge in which the charges are brought shall notify the accused, and cite him to trial. Such notification may be sent through the courtesy of a Lodge adjacent to him to insure delivery, and the citation shall warn him that failure to respond will subject him to the penalties of contempt, due time for response being allowed.

*Fourth.* If the accused alleges the impossibility of appearing at the time set, or upon reasonable postponement, then his Lodge may send the case to the most convenient Lodge adjacent to him for trial, and it shall send with the charges all evidence that it can send, in the form of depositions, taken according to the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge concerning such depositions, and it shall send such information as to other evidence, and such other information as may aid in the trial.

*Fifth.* Said adjacent Lodge shall appoint a prosecuting officer or committee, and shall duly cite the accused and proceed with the trial according to the laws of its jurisdiction and in all respects as if he was a member of its own Body. All evidence shall be recorded; all necessary depositions shall be taken, under the direction of said trying Lodge, whether they be for prosecution or defense, and the trying Lodge shall render verdict upon the guilt or innocence of the accused, and shall vote upon a penalty, which vote shall be a recommendation to the accusing Lodge.

*Sixth.* All expenses accruing in such cases shall be borne by the accusing Lodge, including the cost of taking evidence and of making copies of evidence, and of the trial record. A transcript of the proceedings in the trying Lodge, with all evidence there given, shall, as soon as practicable, be sent to the Lodge in which charges were brought.

*Seventh.* Said accusing Lodge shall, at the second meeting after the reception of the record, unless there be reasons for further postponement, proceed to hear the transcript of trial and all the evidence; it shall accept the verdict as to guilt or innocence as given by the trying Lodge, but it shall vote on penalty, adopting the penalty recommended, or any other legal penalty.

*Eighth.* The adoption of a penalty in the accusing Lodge shall end the trial. If the penalty be reprimand, the trying Lodge shall cite the accused to receive the same therein unless he has returned to his own jurisdiction, and he shall be liable to expulsion for contempt if he fail to appear to receive it. And he shall be similarly liable if in course of the trial he fails to show due respect to the citations and legal orders of the trying Lodge. Said trying Lodge may, in such case, declare the expulsion.

*Ninth.* The accused may enter appeal in his own Lodge as if he had been tried at home, but the accusing party or Lodge may take no appeal.

Rep. JONES, of Kansas, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Also, the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah :

*To the Officers and Representatives of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:*

BROTHERS—We, your petitioners, members of Miriam Rebekah Degree Lodge, No. 8, I. O. O. F., of Salina, and working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, most respectfully submit the following petition :

We believe that Odd Fellowship is progressive in its character, and in order to make it so to a greater degree, we believe the time has come when the wives, daughters, sisters and mothers of Odd Fellows should belong to and be in full membership in the noble Order, which has gained the good will, esteem and confidence of all civilized nations, and is now the first in rank of all beneficial societies. Woman, in her nature, has outgrown the prejudices that have kept her in the background; she has been content and forced to accept promises of freedom; her talent and time have been given to offices of an inferior rank; she has been led to believe her mind, her talent and capabilities for good and doing good were not developed like her lord and master. We now ask that your laws be so amended that we can become Odd Fellows in the true and full intent of the laws of the Order. We believe it to be a right step to improve the family of man, to enlarge the God-given right that is due each and every one who has the welfare of man and the improvement of the human family at heart.

ALICE B. DAWSON, *N. G.*,  
 CLARINDA BROWN, *V. G.*,  
 JNO. H. GIBSON, *Secretary*,  
 A. A. LAY, *Treasurer*,  
 LIDE LEE CHAPMAN, *Chaplain*,  
 H. A. SHIPPERT, *Warden*,  
 E. J. TERRY, *Conductor*,  
 S. P. SOUTHWICK, *I. G.*,  
 MARY J. BISHOP, *L. S. N. G.*,  
 MAY B. BROWN, *R. S. N. G.*,  
 RHODA TUTTLE, *R. S. V. G.*,  
 D. E. WIGHT, *L. S. V. G.*,  
 SADIE JACKSON, *Capt. of Degree Staff*,  
 E. A. BONE, *P. G.*,  
 MARY M. LOWE, *P. G.*,

MARY E. GOODWIN,  
 LENNIRSE NORTON,  
 NELLIE NORTON,  
 E. T. CONRAD,  
 BELL BROWN,  
 R. H. BISHOP,  
 M. L. BISHOP,  
 WM. COLE,  
 J. J. FISCHER,  
 S. D. MAST,  
 J. I. NORTON,  
 E. B. BISHOP,  
 LINDA V. BERKS,  
 ALMIRA TUTTLE,  
 A. SOUTHWICK.



The present signers are the members present at this session, September 16th, 1887.

The number of members belonging to the Lodge is 109, and this petition is the voice of the whole Lodge.

JNO. H. GIBSON, *Recording Secretary*.

Rep. COBB, of Colorado, on behalf of Lieutenant-General UNDERWOOD, invited the officers and members of the Grand Lodge to attend a Prize Drill of the Patriarchs Militant, this day.

Rep. PEARCE, of Florida, moved that the invitation be accepted with the thanks of the Grand Lodge, which was adopted.

Rep. HEISLER, of Colorado, presented the following:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

The Committee of Arrangements respectfully tender an invitation to members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, Past Grand Representatives and their ladies to witness a grand complimentary pyrotechnic display by the celebrated Flambeau Club, of Topeka, Kansas, and military concert, at the Exposition grounds, foot of Sixteenth street, at 7 o'clock this evening.

Seats will be reserved for their use in the private boxes on first floor of the grand stand.

A Battalion dress parade of Chevaliers Militant will probably also constitute a feature of the entertainment.

Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, moved that the invitation be accepted with the thanks of the Grand Lodge, which was adopted.

Reps. SMITH and WHEELER, of Missouri, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

*Resolved*, That this Grand Body create a Past Official Degree for Past Noble Grands of the Degree of Rebekah.

Rep. WHITNEY, of Michigan, moved the following:

*Resolved*, That Past Grand Representatives in attendance on this session be privileged to examine the Secret Work during the session at any time when the same is not in use by the Representatives present.

The question being on the resolution,

Rep. OLIVER, of Ontario, moved that it be laid on the table, which was agreed to.

Rep. PRICE, of Missouri, submitted the following, which was ordered to be entered on the Journal:

Denver, September 20th, 1887.

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

The undersigned committee from the Grand Lodge of Missouri, in conjunction with the Representatives from that jurisdiction, had the honor of presenting to you at your last session an invitation to meet in the city of St. Louis in 1888. At the time said invitation was tendered, we fully expected that our new Odd Fellows' Hall would be completed and ready for you to dedicate. Owing to an unexpected delay in getting out the granite used in its construction, we shall not be able to complete the structure before November or December, 1888. This being the case, we with much regret desire to withdraw our invitation.

We are putting up one of the finest buildings in the West, and desire that everything connected with it shall be strictly first-class in every particular, and do not desire hastening the work in such manner as may interfere with our objects.

The Grand Lodge of Missouri and the membership generally earnestly desire having the hall dedicated by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and that you will meet there for that purpose. Therefore, at the proper time, we shall renew our invitation for you to meet in St. Louis in 1889.

E. WILKERSON,  
E. M. SLOAN.

Reps. DEUBERT and CORNWELL, of New York, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

Pursuant to instructions of the Grand Encampment of New York, hereto annexed, and found on page 10,850, Journal of Monday, the undersigned Representatives submit the following, in order to prevent in the future the recurrence of like errors and irregularities in the establishment of Cantons within the jurisdiction of Grand Encampments, to wit:

*Resolved*, That the Lieutenant-General has no authority or power to charter Cantons within the jurisdiction of a Grand Encampment, without the consent, approval or recommendation of either the Grand Encampment, Board of Grand Officers or Grand Patriarch (where there be no Board of Grand Officers), and that such is the true construction of the first paragraph of the law creating the Degree of Patriarchs Militant, found on page 10,119, under the head of "Miscellaneous."

*Resolved*, That the Lieutenant-General, under that law, before issuing Warrants for the establishment of Cantons, should, either directly or through the local military officers, advise himself whether there be a Board of Grand Officers in each jurisdiction in which it is proposed to establish a Canton, and see that the recommendation from the proper source, under the law above referred to, is complied with before issuing said Warrant.

Rep. KINES, of Quebec (seconded by Rep. JONES, of Maryland), moved the following:

*Resolved*, That a committee of five members be named by the Grand Sire to take into consideration and report during the session of this Sovereign Grand Lodge on the advisability of creating a *Juvenile Order of Odd Fellows*, under the direction of this Sovereign Grand Lodge.

The question being on the resolution,



Rep. FRIEDHEIM, of Arkansas, moved that it be laid on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution, it was adopted.

The Chair announced as the committee :

Reps. KINES, of Quebec; CELLEY, of Vermont; HOLMES, of Iowa; TUCKER, of Washington; METSCHAN, of Oregon.

Rep. MAKEMSON, of Texas, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation :

*Resolved*, That the widows and orphans' fund of the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments is stamped as a trust fund for the use and benefit of the widows and orphans whose husbands and fathers, at their death, were members in good standing in such Lodge or Encampment; and that it is illegal and a misapplication of such funds to donate or appropriate said fund, or any part thereof, for any purpose whatever except for the direct and individual support and benefit of the widows and orphans who are, under the law, legitimate charges upon such Lodge or Encampment; *provided, however*, nothing herein shall prevent Subordinates who may have placed their widows and orphans in an asylum or home from using their widows and orphans' fund in defraying the legitimate expenses thereby incurred. And the several Grand Bodies are instructed to see to it that this law is observed by their Subordinates.

Rep. MCKINNEY, of West Virginia, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions :

Clarksburg, W. Va., September 8th, 1887.

WM. ELLINGHAM AND O. S. MCKINNEY, *Grand Representatives*:

GENTLEMEN—I suppose you are fully informed, through the public prints, of the total loss of the Odd Fellows' building in this place, by fire, on the morning of August 4th, 1887, with but partial insurance. This building was the property of Adelpia Lodge, No. 8, I. O. O. F., and will tax the resources of the members of Adelpia Lodge to the utmost to rebuild, which we are now doing. But whilst we can replace the building, we meet with an irreparable loss in the total destruction of our library and part of our records for the past forty years, which were in the committee-room and overlooked in the excitement of the time. In our library was a full set of the bound Journals of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States and the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., which (if the suggestion will meet your approval) I would ask most earnestly that you petition the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., to restore to Adelpia Lodge, No. 8, I. O. O. F., by donation of a full set of the bound Journals of her Proceedings, and for this we shall ever pray.

Fraternally yours,

E. A. PECK, *P. G. M. and P. G. R.*

Rep. CLARK, of Wisconsin, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance :

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby instructed to furnish, free of cost, to all Grand Representatives and Grand Officers who have not already received them, the bound Journals of Proceedings, and, at cost, the Revised Digest.

The Lodge proceeded to consider the reports of committees, as they appear on the Journal.

The first report, page 10,861, from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of W. H. WELDON, from the action of the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces, and postponed on page 10,902 until to-day, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,865, from the same committee, dismissing the appeal of A. J. SMITH and sixteen others, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, postponed on page 10,903 until the presentation of the minority report, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

Rep. KENNER, of Indiana, moved to amend by substituting the minority report, page 10,909, on the same subject.

Rep. CARLETON, of Texas, moved the previous question, which was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge substitute the minority for the majority report?" which was agreed to.

The question being on the minority report, it was adopted.

Rep. BLOCK, of Iowa, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Foreign Relations beg leave to report they have duly and thoroughly considered such parts of the report of the Grand Sire as relate to the Grand Jurisdiction of Australasia, as well as the voluminous but highly interesting correspondence relating to the same Grand Jurisdiction, accompanying and submitted with the Grand Secretary's report. It affords them great pleasure and satisfaction to be able to report to you that there will be no further difference, dissension or misunderstanding relating to the matters in controversy between this Sovereign Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Australasia.

The committee fully and cordially indorse the opinion expressed by the Grand Sire in his said report, to wit: "That our policy governing independent Grand Jurisdictions, and rights and privileges to be granted to them, should be extremely liberal; and that this Grand Lodge should retain only such rights and powers as are absolutely essential to the integrity of the Secret Work, to facilitate inter-communion and visitation, and the preservation of the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth." But the committee urge that great and especial care should also be had to preserve, and at all proper times assert, the exclusive right of this Sovereign Grand Lodge to legislate upon the matters above reserved and excepted, and thus preserve the unity and strength of our present domain.

This Grand Lodge has at all times been ready and willing to extend to the Grand Jurisdiction of Australasia the same rights, powers and privileges that have been granted to any Independent Grand Jurisdiction, as soon as said



Grand Lodge of Australasia should, in truth and in fact, become the head of the Order in Australasia, and should in proper form apply for a grant of the same.

It is the clear, well-defined, and now time-honored policy of this Grand Lodge, to create and establish in foreign countries, wherein the strength of the Order warrants the adoption of such a measure, a supreme head of the Order, with full and complete authority over Subordinates, and having created the same, to invest it with all powers of an Independent Grand Lodge, excepting only certain limited matters relating to the Secret Work, to visitation, and the preservation of the cardinal principles of our Order (Journal 933, 3132, 4439, 4474, 7681, etc.), and this policy has never been departed from.

It may have appeared to our Brethren in Australasia that we were too conservative and careful in our treaties with them. If this be so, they should remember that Australasia being a great and extensive jurisdiction, it was proper that in treating with it, this Sovereign Grand Lodge should be as exact, precise and careful as one great nation would be in diplomatic intercourse with another concerning important rights.

In the consideration of the request of the Grand Lodge of Australasia, and its petition for more extensive powers, one great difficulty presented itself to this Grand Lodge and prevented an *immediate* compliance with the desires of Australasia. Insisting upon uniformity in the mode of working in all Lodges under its immediate jurisdiction, or under that of a Grand Lodge itself subordinate to this Grand Lodge, this Sovereign Grand Lodge was ready to concede to Independent Grand Lodges, formed under our policy aforesaid and its requirements, the right to legislate as they deemed best in all things, except certain reserved matters, even if such legislation by such Independent Grand Lodges should lead to a *mode* of working different from our own. It was agreed, for example, to permit such Independent Grand Lodges to order that the transaction of ordinary Lodge business should be had in the Initiatory instead of the Third Degree. But it appeared that the Grand Lodge of Australasia, a Body which we believed to be a Supreme Grand Lodge, with power to enforce its mandates upon its Subordinates, was not so constituted, was a mere advisory board or council of and for the still Sovereign Provincial Grand Lodges in Australasia, and possessed no power to enforce its mandates upon the latter, was not such a supreme head of the Order in Australasia, that it should or could, under our policy aforesaid, be invested with the extensive powers heretofore referred to.

Desiring to carry out its said policy, and at the same time to place the Grand Lodge of Australasia into such a condition that its request for said extensive powers could be granted, this Sovereign Grand Lodge took proper steps which would either make said Grand Lodge of Australasia, in truth and in fact, supreme within its territory, or procure for it such cession of authority on the part of its Provincial Grand Lodges that its requests could be granted under our policy and rules. This Sovereign Grand Lodge, in 1885, adopted the following resolutions:

*"Resolved*, That as soon as the Grand Lodge of the Grand Jurisdiction of Australasia, *being either* a legally-existing incorporated Body, with full legal power to enforce upon its Subordinates its mandates, *or* with the written proper consent of all its Subordinate Provincial Grand Lodges, shall, in proper form, ask to receive, and be invested with, all the powers and privileges heretofore by us given and granted to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, as defined in the amended Charter to that Grand Lodge, and our contracts and stipulations with the same, *it shall be granted and receive* all said powers and privileges, subject only to like limitations as contained in the Charter and agreement with the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, and in the same manner and under the same formalities in which the latter received the same.

*"Resolved*, That if, having thus been made as independent as any jurisdiction of our Order, Australasia shall direct the transaction of ordinary Lodge business to take place in the Initiatory Degree, such action on its part shall not be, by



this Sovereign Grand Lodge, held and considered a violation of the limitations against changes in the Unwritten Work to be contained in the amended Charter it will receive, although a transfer of certain parts of the Unwritten Work to the Initiatory from a higher degree may be made necessary, and as long as the Work itself is not in any manner altered or changed."

The report of your Committee on Foreign Relations, submitting the above resolutions, fully explained why Australasia's request could not at once be granted. Two modes of procedure were here pointed out by which Australasia might obtain all it sought to obtain. While following the dictates of our well-settled policy, we insisted that the Grand Lodge of Australasia should, in truth and fact, and not in name only, become the head of the Order in that Jurisdiction, we were not tenacious as to the mode in which this was to be accomplished. We suggested merely that said Grand Body become incorporated as above stated, as *one* way out of the difficulty, one way to reach the end desired, and fearing there might be obstacles to incorporation or registration, we suggested further that if the consent of the Registered Provincial Grand Lodges could be obtained, which, in our opinion, would operate as a *pro tanto* cession of power, the Grand Lodge of Australasia, constituted as it is now, might, with such consent, apply for and be granted a Grand Charter conferring upon it all the powers, rights and privileges heretofore granted to other Independent Grand Jurisdictions, notably to the German Empire. It is erroneous, therefore, to say that the controversy between this Grand Lodge and that of Australasia is simply whether the latter should become incorporated.

It seemed then, and does now, that in adopting above resolutions this Sovereign Grand Lodge has gone as far as it could go in justice to itself and to its constituents, and we had no doubt that its action would be satisfactory to Australasia. Great was our astonishment, therefore, when we learned that the result desired was not obtained, that our action was misunderstood—nay, perverted—and that dissatisfaction still existed in Australasia. But having no doubt that Australasia would eventually understand and follow our said suggestions, and thus obtain all it desired, this Sovereign Grand Lodge, in 1886, even granted it permission, until it should be able to take the proper steps in the direction indicated, to continue the transaction of ordinary Lodge business in the Initiatory Degree.

To the session of 1887 we looked forward, therefore, with some anxiety, but with an abiding confidence in the good will and judgment of our Brethren in Australasia, hoping and trusting that the desired end would then be reached; that we would then learn and know not only that our suggestions were adopted but that they were understood and appreciated. We were not disappointed in our hope and trust, for the correspondence just now submitted by the Grand Secretary, relating to Australasia, shows that a new administration has taken charge of the affairs of our Order in that jurisdiction; that earnest and impartial men, of large and broad views, apparently, are guiding and shaping the Work of the Order therein. Bro. WILLIAM D. MCKEE, of Ballarat, Victoria, is the Grand Sire, and Bro. JOHN C. SMITH, of Hawthorn, Victoria, is the Grand Secretary of Australasia. The last-named able and worthy Brother, under date of June 14th, last, sends us the following highly pleasing and gratifying information, to wit:

"It is my pleasing duty to inform you that the Grand Lodge of Australasia held its third triennial session in Sydney, last month, at which the five Subordinate Grand Lodges in this jurisdiction were ably represented. As I have not yet received from the printer our Journal of Proceedings, I am unable to send you a copy, but will forward one by next mail.

"In reference to the Third Degree question, a resolution was unanimously passed at our late session thanking the Sovereign Lodge for the concession promised, which will enable us to continue working in the Initiatory Degree as hitherto, and pending the establishment of a Federal Government in Australasia, under whose laws our Grand Body could be registered, it was decided to



request all our Subordinate Grand Lodges to sign a declaration acknowledging the Grand Lodge of Australasia as supreme in these Colonies. When this has been done, the Grand Lodge of Australasia will apply to your Sovereign Lodge for the necessary amendment to our Charter, as indicated in last report adopted by your Sovereign Body on this question.

"During our sojourn in Sydney the utmost unanimity and true brotherly feeling prevailed amongst the Representatives, every one seemingly imbued with the determination to legislate carefully, and in such a manner as to not only maintain the splendid position our Order now holds, but that it may even surpass its past records of progress in Australasia; a wish fervently expressed by all was, that we may ever maintain the present friendly union and companionship with our Brethren in America."

The action of Australasia, above reported, deserves the highest commendation and approval on the part of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, and is an assurance that henceforth our relations with Australasia will be as cordial and warm as they were in the past, and especially while we possessed in Australasia an able friend and counselor, as well as Representative, in the person of our lamented Brother, HENRY VINE.

And the committee, in order to carry into effect the offer made to Australasia, in 1885, and to avoid delay, now submit for your consideration and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, to wit:

*Resolved*, That as soon as the Grand Lodge of Australasia having become a legally existing incorporated body, with full legal power to enforce its mandates upon its Subordinates, or with the written proper consent of all its Subordinate Provincial Grand Lodges, or having been, by the solemnly attested written declaration of all of said Provincial Grand Lodges, acknowledged as the supreme head of the Order in Australasia in all things that it may, under its Charter from this Grand Lodge, legislate upon, and with power to enforce its action and mandates, shall, in proper form, ask to receive and be invested with all the powers and privileges heretofore by us given and granted to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, as defined in the amended Charter to that Grand Lodge, and our agreements and stipulations with the same, it shall be granted, have and receive all and singular the said powers and privileges, subject only to like limitations as are contained in the Grand Charter to, and agreements with, the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, and in the same manner and under the same formalities in which the latter received the same; and an amended Grand Charter shall be made and tested accordingly, to take the place of the Grand Charter now held by said Grand Jurisdiction of Australasia.

*Resolved*, That the permission heretofore given to Australasia to continue the transaction of ordinary Lodge business in the Initiatory Degree until said amended Grand Charter has been made, be and is expressly continued.

*Resolved*, That if the Grand Lodge of Australasia, having obtained said amended Grand Charter, and said extensive powers and privileges, and having thus been made an Independent Grand Lodge and the true head of the Order in Australasia, shall then direct the transaction of ordinary Lodge business in the Initiatory instead of the Third Degree, this Sovereign Grand Lodge will not regard or hold such direction a violation of the limitation against changes in the Unwritten Work to be contained in said amended Grand Charter, although a transfer of certain parts of the Unwritten Work to the Initiatory from a higher Degree may be made necessary by such direction, as long as the Unwritten Work itself is not in any manner altered or changed.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN BLOCK,  
ANDRE CUSHING,  
H. J. ROWE,

G. F. ROBBINS,  
W. A. BARRY,  
JOHN WELSH,

WM. REINECKE,  
F. DEMARS,  
J. T. PETTY.

Rep. REINECKE, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on Foreign Relations have considered the reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, and the correspondence submitted therewith, relating to the introduction of the Order into Spain. The subject was broached in the years 1885 and 1886, by Senor EDUARDO CONTRERAZ, of Madrid, the editor of *La Espana Masonica*, as the name indicates, a Masonic journal. He received and read, with great satisfaction, some of our publications, which were sent him at his request, and his efforts still continue, although he mentions the restrictive laws of Spain, which forbid the introduction of fraternal Orders, although Masonry exists there.

We have won, however, another valuable ally for opening the door to us. Cuba Lodge, No. 3, of Havana, in the Island of Cuba, has suggested the appointment of Bro. RAFAEL MONTORO Y VALDES, a distinguished citizen of Cuba, who recently received the degrees of a Subordinate Lodge in that place, and who is a Representative of the Island of Cuba in the Congress of Deputies, at Madrid. His position seems to be well adapted for removing the obstacles which have heretofore been in our way. He will be in Madrid next January, when he and Senor CONTRERAZ will combine their efforts. The latter writes under date of August 2d, 1887, that if their expectations are realized, they will institute a magnificent Lodge.

We submit the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Grand Sire be requested to take such steps as may seem best to him for bringing about the introduction of our Order into Spain.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. REINECKE,	HERMAN BLOCK,	W. A. BARRY,
F. DEMARS,	J. THOMAS PETTY,	ANDRE CUSHING,
H. J. ROWE,	GILBERT F. ROBBINS,	JOHN WELSH.

Rep. REINECKE, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on Foreign Relations have carefully considered the reports of the Grand Sire and of the Grand Secretary, referring to the Lodges in the Island of Cuba. The correspondence accompanying the reports is very voluminous, and the views of the different writers diverge widely, but from the large volume of matter examined by us, a clear opinion on the present status of the Order in Cuba, and on the course to be pursued in the future with regard to these Lodges, has been won.

The development of the Order in Cuba is worthy of unalloyed commendation. At the end of the year 1884, Porvenir Lodge, No. 1, at Havana, had fifty-eight members, and Fraternidad Universal Lodge, No. 2, at Guanabacoa, had just been organized. At the end of the year 1885, No. 1 had sixty-four members, and No. 2 had thirteen members, while Cuba Lodge, No. 3, with fifty members, had been constituted at Havana, and Havana Lodge, No. 4, at Havana, America Lodge, No. 5, at Regla, and Regla Lodge, No. 6, at Regla, with a number of members not reported. At the end of the year 1886, we find the membership of No. 1 swelled to eighty, of No. 2 to sixty, of No. 3 to ninety-five, of No. 4 to forty-three, of No. 5 to twenty-three, and of No. 6 to twenty-



eight members; while, during the year, Hijos del Trabajo Lodge, No. 7, had been organized at Havana by Brethren withdrawing from No. 2, and while there seems to be a strong probability of the organization of still another Lodge at Havana in the immediate future, under the time-honored and venerable name of Thomas Wilkey Lodge, No. 8. Thus the reported membership at the end of 1884 was fifty eight, and 127 at the end of 1885, and 329 at the end of 1886, without counting the unreported membership of No. 7. This is a much more satisfactory progress than that generally observed in territory outside of the American continent, and the task of your committee would be a grateful one, if the internal affairs of the Lodges showed a like favorable condition.

The term of Bro. EMILIO MOLA, D. D. Grand Sire, expired toward the end of the year 1886. His administration, as the local representative of the executive head of American Odd Fellowship, appears to have been singularly successful. He instituted Havana, America and Regla Lodges, and he seems to have enjoyed the confidence of the fraternity in the highest degree. When the commission of Bro. MOLA terminated, Bro. JOSE ANTONIO LOPEZ was appointed as his successor, and his selection must be believed to have been the signal for the outbreak of the internal dissensions which have ever since distracted the Cuban Brotherhood. If, notwithstanding, the Order has increased, as has been shown, we may well conclude that the vitality of Odd Fellowship in Cuba is vigorous indeed.

We cannot undertake to sit in judgment on, or to decide the merits of, the unhappy controversy which at once arose upon the accession of Bro. LOPEZ. His appointment may have been earned by unsullied purity of life and the highest civic virtues. It seems certain that he has labored zealously for the fraternity in the exalted position conferred upon him. On the other hand, his selection was so distasteful to some of the Lodges entrusted to his care that steps were immediately taken by them to rid them of the supervision thus imposed upon them. Instead of appealing to the Grand Sire for a change, which would, in our opinion, have been the safe and proper procedure, Cuba Lodge, No. 3, and Regla Lodge, No. 6, at once availed themselves of the course pointed out by the proviso appended to Article XIII. of the By-Laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and were, at their request, made subordinate to the neighboring Grand Lodge of Florida, and were thus removed from the supervision of the D. D. Grand Sire. We will not enter into the bitter controversies which ensued, detailed in the letters before us, which close with August 31st, 1887. A clash of authority between Bro. LOPEZ and Bro. ALSINA, the Cuban District Deputy of the Grand Master of Florida, was barely averted. Some of the Brethren went to Florida to obtain the Encampment Degrees, disdaining to ask Bro. LOPEZ for his dispensation. Porvenir Lodge, No. 1, unable or refusing to pay the semi-annual dues to Bro. LOPEZ, or to deliver up its report to him, and duly notified by him that he would not install its officers in July of this year, without having received both, in open defiance of his lawful authority, caused Bro. FRANCISCO PRIETO, one of their Past Grands, to perform the ceremony of installation, July 4th, the dues being unpaid and the annual report not being made. Even the newspapers were resorted to by the opponents of Bro. LOPEZ, for virulent attacks upon him, teeming with unsparing and nauseating vituperation. Other illegal and ill-advised acts could be adduced to show the temper of the contest, but the foregoing specimens will suffice.

And thus the war wages.

We may be asked to point out the remedy. The Grand Sire suggests in his report that it may be advisable to authorize him to issue his warrant for a Grand Lodge during the recess, upon the petition of less than ten Subordinate Lodges, if he shall see fit to grant it. We do not doubt that the double jurisdiction of the D. D. Grand Sire and of the Grand Lodge of Florida is a fruitful source of irritation, and that the organization of a Grand Lodge for the Island of Cuba with a head acceptable to all the Lodges within its territorial limits will probably remove all the dissensions which now distract the fraternity and



necessarily impede its progress. But, in the present condition of things, we refrain from recommending the authorization defined and limited by the Grand Sire, and we most earnestly urge upon the Cuban Lodges, in the interest of peace and of the future prosperity of the Order in Cuba, to bring themselves again from this unhappy severance into one territorial jurisdiction, be it under the Grand Lodge of Florida or under a D. D. Grand Sire acceptable to all, and then to continue their growth with their old zeal and with renewed harmony up to the requirements of the law for the organization of a Grand Lodge as soon as may be. We regret that while the conditions continue which we have set forth, we can see no good which could result from a relaxation of the law requiring ten Lodges for creating a Grand Lodge.

The proposition of Bro. FABIAN MARTIN for translating the Digest into the Spanish language and for its publication, detailed in the report of the Grand Secretary, cannot and should not be accepted. Still, the present dissensions make it clear that the opportunity for acquiring an accurate knowledge of our laws should be speedily afforded to the Spanish-speaking part of our Brotherhood, and in this connection we call attention to the fact that Bro. JULIO CÆSAR MARTINEZ, the Vice Grand of Cuba Lodge, No. 3, one of the editors of *La Fraternidad del Porvenir*, a paper devoted to the interests of Masonry and Odd Fellowship, is willing to undertake the translation and publication of a Spanish Digest, giving a reasonable number of copies to the Sovereign Grand Lodge free of charge, if only given the ownership of the work, for the protection of which to us no international copyright law exists.

Before closing this summary of the result of our labors, and before proceeding to recommend the adoption of resolutions disposing of minor matters requiring action on the part of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, we beg to add, in the interest of peace and for the purpose of clearing away a difficulty which seems to have been fruitful of great trouble in Cuba, that the transfer of subordination of Cuba and Regla Lodges from the D. D. Grand Sire to the Grand Lodge of Florida, cannot change the law which governs these Lodges. Although placed under the supervision and control of that Grand Lodge, they are not, as we understand the law, to be ruled under the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Florida, but by the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. It, and not the Florida Constitution, is their organic law.

We suggest the adoption of the following resolutions for the remedy of matters of detail:

*Resolved, first*, That the Grand Sire be empowered to contract for the translation and publication of our Digest in the Spanish language, without expense to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, upon such terms as he may deem fit.

*Second*. That authority is hereby given to Fraternidad Universal Lodge, No. 2, to remove its place of meeting from Guanabacoa to Havana.

*Third*. That authority is hereby given to America Lodge, No. 5, to remove its place of meeting from Regla to Havana.

*Fourth*. That the dispensations granted by authority of the Grand Sire to Cuban Brothers, during the recess of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, to receive the Encampment Degrees in the State of Florida, are hereby ratified.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. REINECKE,  
HERMAN BLOCK,  
W. A. BARRY,

F. DEMARS,  
J. THOMAS PETTY,  
ANDRE CUSHING,

H. J. ROWE,  
GILBERT F. ROBBINS,  
JOHN WELSH.

Rep. SHERIDAN, of Ohio, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:



*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, have examined the same, and would recommend its approval.

We offer the following:

*Resolved*, That the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut be, and the same is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. SHERIDAN,	WM. W. HENRY,	GEORGE W. LEE,
A. B. CRANE,	W. J. BRADSHAW,	A. A. WHEELER,
E. CAMP,	JOSEPH OLIVER,	FRANCISCO RICE.

Rep. SHERIDAN, of Ohio, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amendment to Section 1, Article V., of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, find the same conforms to the Constitution and Laws of this Grand Lodge, and therefore offer the following:

*Resolved*, That the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio be, and the same is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. SHERIDAN,	A. B. CRANE,	WM. W. HENRY,
JOSEPH OLIVER,	FRANCISCO RICE,	E. CAMP,
W. J. BRADSHAW,	A. A. WHEELER,	GEO. W. LEE.

Rep. HENRY, of Vermont, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred the amended By-Laws of Las Vegas Lodge, No. 4, New Mexico, would report that we have carefully examined the same and find them correct. We therefore offer the following:

*Resolved*, That the amended By-Laws of Las Vegas Lodge, No. 4, New Mexico, be and the same are hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. W. HENRY,	J. B. SHERIDAN,	FRANCISCO RICE,
W. J. BRADSHAW,	A. B. CRANE,	JOSEPH OLIVER,
E. CAMP,	GEO. W. LEE,	A. A. WHEELER.

Rep. OLIVER, of Ontario, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred the By-Laws of Tahlequah Lodge, No. 4, of Tahlequah, Indian Territory, beg leave to report that they have examined said By-Laws, and make the following amendments:

Article II., Section 2: In second line, after the word "five," add the words "Third Degree;" and in same section, ninth line, after the word "legal," add the words "and valid."

Article III, Section 2, add the word "card" before "dismissal;" after "certificate" in same section, add the words "or as an Ancient Odd Fellow," and after "shall be" the words "five dollars," and erase the words "the amount of one year's dues," so that the first three lines will read: "Section 2. The fee for admission on card, dismissal certificate, or as an Ancient Odd Fellow, shall be five dollars." Article IV., Section 1—Add at the end of this section, "or he may pay weekly." (Section 373, Digest, gives him this right.) This section should be altered so as to raise the dues to at least \$4, or the benefits should be reduced so as not to exceed the yearly dues; the Lodge can take its choice. Article XI., Section 12—After the word "period," in line 18, add the words "not exceeding one year." Strike out Article XIV. (it is contrary to Digest, Section 605), and re number succeeding articles.

*Resolved*, That the foregoing be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH OLIVER,  
W. J. BRADSHAW,  
J. B. SHERIDAN,

GEO. W. LEE,  
A. A. WHEELER,  
FRANCISCO RICE.

E. CAMP,  
WM. W. HENRY,  
A. B. CRANE.

Rep. HENRY, of Vermont, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred the amended By-Laws of Chalaco Lodge, No. 4, Peru, South America, report they have had the same under consideration, and approve of Article IX., and disapprove Articles X. and XI., the same having been approved and disapproved by the Grand Sire.

We offer the following:

*Resolved*, That the above amended Article IX. is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. W. HENRY, W. J. BRADSHAW, J. B. SHERIDAN,  
A. B. CRANE, E. CAMP, FRANCISCO RICE,  
GEORGE W. LEE, A. A. WHEELER, JOSEPH OLIVER.

Rep. BRADSHAW, of Mississippi, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred the amended By-Laws of Havana Lodge, No. 4, Cuba, and also the By-Laws of Floral Encampment, No. 2, Arizona, have examined the same and find nothing therein to conflict with the laws of this Grand Body.

We offer the following:

*Resolved*, That the above By-Laws be, and are hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. BRADSHAW, J. B. SHERIDAN, A. B. CRANE,  
JOSEPH OLIVER, FRANCISCO RICE, WM. W. HENRY,  
E. CAMP, A. A. WHEELER, GEO. W. LEE.



Rep. CRANE, of New Jersey, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, would report that they have carefully examined the same, and would recommend its approval, with the exception of the following: Section 2 of Article VIII.: "No officer shall officiate in the Grand Lodge during the time of his trial." In the opinion of your committee, this is in direct conflict with Section 1313, Digest of this Grand Lodge, and should be stricken out. Section 1, Article XI., strike out "one of whom" and insert "who have." A petition for a Lodge must be signed by five Third Degree members in good standing. (Digest, Section 1162a.)

We offer the following:

*Resolved*, That the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, with the exception of the above, be and is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. CRANE,	WM. W. HENRY,	W. J. BRADSHAW,
JOSEPH OLIVER,	FRANCISCO RICE,	J. B. SHERIDAN,
A. A. WHEELER,	E. CAMP,	GEO. W. LEE.

Rep. SHERIDAN, of Ohio, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred the amended By-Laws of Pocahontas Lodge, No. 2, Indian Territory, would report that we have examined the same, and find them in accord with the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, and recommend that they be approved, and therefore offer the following:

*Resolved*, That the amended By-Laws of the said Lodge be and the same are hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. SHERIDAN,	WM. W. HENRY,	W. J. BRADSHAW,
E. CAMP,	A. B. CRANE,	JOSEPH OLIVER,
FRANCISCO RICE,	A. A. WHEELER,	GEO. W. LEE.

Rep. SHERIDAN, of Ohio, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, would report that they have examined the same, and recommend its approval, with the exception of the following words in Section 7 of Article IV.: "No Past Grand shall be eligible for the office of Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master unless he shall have been for one year immediately preceding his election a member of the Grand Lodge." As we find the above in direct conflict with Section 487 of the Digest of this Grand Lodge, it should be stricken out.

We offer the following:

*Resolved*, That the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, with the exception of the words above noted, be and is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. SHERIDAN,

E. CAMP,

GEO. W. LEE,

A. B. CRANE,

W. J. BRADSHAW,

A. A. WHEELER.

WM. W. HENRY,

FRANCISCO RICE,

Rep. CRANE, of New Jersey, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report that they have examined the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Maine, and recommend that in Article II., Section 2, first line, after the word "any," the words "Past Chief" be stricken out, and the word "qualified" be inserted. (*See Digest, Section 496.*)

We offer the following:

*Resolved*, That the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Maine, with the exception above noted, be and is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. CRANE,

J. B. SHERIDAN,

FRANCISCO RICE,

E. CAMP,

JOSEPH OLIVER,

GEORGE W. LEE,

W. J. BRADSHAW,

WM. W. HENRY,

A. A. WHEELER.

Rep. SHERIDAN, of Ohio, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred the amended By-Laws of Las Vegas Encampment, No. 2, New Mexico (heretofore approved by the Grand Sire), would report that we have examined the same, and finding them in harmony with the Constitution and Laws of this Grand Lodge, recommend that they be approved, and therefore offer the following:

*Resolved*, That the amended By-Laws of said Encampment be and the same are hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. SHERIDAN,

W. J. BRADSHAW,

E. CAMP,

A. B. CRANE,

WM. W. HENRY,

GEO. W. LEE,

FRANCISCO RICE,

JOSEPH OLIVER,

A. A. WHEELER.

Rep. CAMP, of Connecticut, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.*

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred the By-Laws of Raton Lodge, No. 8, New Mexico, beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and would recommend that the action of the Grand Sire, in approving the same, be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

E. CAMP,

A. B. CRANE,

FRANCISCO RICE

WM. W. HENRY,

W. J. BRADSHAW,

A. A. WHEELER,

J. B. SHERIDAN

JOS. OLIVER,

GEO. W. LEE.



Rep. CRANE, of New Jersey, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred the amended Constitutions of the Grand Encampments of Ohio, Dakota, West Virginia, Nevada, Nebraska and Oregon, would report that we have examined the same and find nothing therein contained in conflict with the Constitution of this Grand Lodge.

We therefore offer the following :

*Resolved*, That the amended Constitutions of the above-named Grand Encampments be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. CRANE,	E. CAMP,	J. B. SHERIDAN,
FRANCISCO RICE,	W. J. BRADSHAW,	A. A. WHEELER,
JOSEPH OLIVER,	GEO. W. LEE.	

Rep. CRANE, of New Jersey, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Minnesota, report that they have examined the same, and would recommend its approval, with the exception of the words "except the Grand Patriarch," in Article V., which are in conflict with Section 545, Digest of this Grand Lodge.

We offer the following :

*Resolved*, That the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Minnesota, with the exception of the words above noted, be and is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. CRANE,	J. B. SHERIDAN,	JOSEPH OLIVER,
W. J. BRADSHAW,	E. CAMP,	FRANCISCO RICE,
GEO. W. LEE,	A. A. WHEELER.	

Rep. RICE, of Alabama, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred the By-Laws of Gem City Lodge, No. 7, New Mexico, under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, have examined the same and recommend that the action of the Grand Sire in giving his approval, as corrected, be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCISCO RICE,	A. B. CRANE,	W. J. BRADSHAW,
E. CAMP,	J. B. SHERIDAN,	WM. W. HENRY,
JOSEPH OLIVER,	A. A. WHEELER,	GEO. W. LEE.

Rep. SHERIDAN, of Ohio, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred the amended By-Laws of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Sandwich Islands (heretofore approved by the Grand Sire), would report that we have examined the same, and, finding them in harmony with the Constitution and Laws of this Grand Lodge, recommend that they be approved, and therefore offer the following:

*Resolved*, That the amended By-Laws of said Lodge, be and the same are hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. SHERIDAN,

JOSEPH OLIVER,

E. CAMP,

A. B. CRANE,

W. J. BRADSHAW,

A. A. WHEELER,

WM. W. HENRY,

FRANCISCO RICE,

GEORGE W. LEE.

Rep. OLIVER, of Ontario, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom were submitted the amended Constitutions of the following Grand Lodges, viz.: Texas, Massachusetts, Manitoba, Dakota, Idaho, Oregon and New Jersey, beg leave to report that they have examined the same and find them correct.

We offer the following:

*Resolved*, That the above amended Constitutions be and are hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH OLIVER,

J. B. SHERIDAN,

GEO. W. LEE,

A. B. CRANE,

E. CAMP,

A. A. WHEELER.

W. J. BRADSHAW,

FRANCISCO RICE,

Rep. RICE, of Dakota, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Returns, to whom were referred the annual reports of Grand Encampments, have examined the following, and find them correct: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Dakota, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Ontario, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. RICE,

JACOB LOEB,

J. H. FORNEY,

J. S. CODDING,

F. T. MERRILL,

WESLEY MINTA.

Rep. MERRILL, of Maine, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:



*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Returns report that they have examined the annual reports of the following Grand Lodges, and find the same correct, with the exception of the Grand Lodge of Chile, which is without the seal, and is not dated: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, British Columbia, California, Chile, Colorado, Connecticut, Dakota, Delaware, Denmark, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Lower Provinces, Maine, Manitoba, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Ontario, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Quebec, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Switzerland, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

Respectfully submitted,

FREEMAN T. MERRILL,	J. H. FORNEY,	J. S. CODDING,
JACOB LOEB,	H. J. RICE,	WESLEY MINTA.

Rep. LOEB, of Montana, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Returns, to whom were referred the annual reports of Grand Lodges concerning Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah, respectfully report that they have examined the returns of the following jurisdictions, and find all of them correct: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Dakota, Delaware, Denmark, District of Columbia, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Lower Provinces, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB LOEB,	H. J. RICE,	F. T. MERRILL,
J. H. FORNEY,	J. S. CODDING,	WESLEY MINTA.

Rep. FORNEY, of Idaho, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Returns have examined the reports of the following Lodges under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and found them correct: Alberta, No. 1, Alberta, Canada; Fraternidad Universal, No. 2, Cuba, No. 3, Havana, No. 4, America, No. 5, Regla, No. 6, Cuba; Caddo, No. 1, Pocahontas, No. 2, Cyclone, No. 3, Atoka, No. 5, Indian Territory; Ridgely, No. 1, Juarez, No. 2, Mexico; Paradise, No. 1, Mount Sinai, No. 2, Netherlands; Albuquerque, No. 1, Paradise, No. 2, Aztlan, No. 3, Las Vegas, No. 4, San Vicente, No. 5, Deming, No. 6, Gem City, No. 7, Raton, No. 8, New Mexico; Lima, No. 1, Fortschritt, No. 3, Chalaco, No. 4, Peru; Excelsior, No. 1, Harmony, No. 3, Sandwich Islands. Porvenir, No. 1, Cuba, and Tahlequah, No. 4, Indian Territory, are without the Lodge seal—otherwise are correct.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. FORNEY,	JACOB LOEB,	J. S. CODDING,
WESLEY MINTA,	H. J. RICE,	F. T. MERRILL.

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the decision of the Grand Sire, No. 28, respectfully report that they have carefully examined the same, and concur with the Grand Sire in the conclusion reached.

Your committee recommend a careful study of the history of Section 265 of the Digest, as given by the Grand Sire, that misunderstanding of its meaning and scope may be avoided. They submit the following:

*Resolved*, That Decision No. 28 of the Grand Sire be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STEBBINS,

J. B. GOODWIN,

W. W. MORRIS,

W. S. JOHNSON,

J. N. VAN DEMAN,

W. L. KUYKENDALL,

R. E. WRIGHT,

J. P. HEISLER,

J. A. GIBSON.

Rep. CAMPBELL, of Ontario, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. CAPEN, of Maine, as follows: "That the Sovereign Grand Lodge prepare and furnish to Grand and Subordinate Lodges, in the same manner as other supplies, a suitable key to the Unwritten Work,"

Respectfully report that such legislation would be injudicious; and your committee ask to be relieved from the further consideration of the subject.

*Resolved*, That the above be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

CL. T. CAMPBELL,

C. A. ROBBE,

C. M. BUSBEE,

H. L. STILLSON,

JOHN G. CLARK,

WM. H. ISZARD,

S. H. KELSEY,

W. W. LYMAN,

E. K. WILCOX.

Rep. STEVENS, of Minnesota, from the Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, to whom were referred sundry portions of reports of Grand Officers, respectfully report that they have considered the same, and respectfully recommend:

1. That so much of the report of the Grand Sire as relates to the Patriarchal Circle, and his action relative thereto, be approved.

2. That in the event that it be considered best to continue the use of the obligation prescribed in the Grand Sire's proclamation dated December 23d, 1886, the words following the words "a member of," and preceding the words "any secret organization," be omitted.

Relative to the subject-matter of "Patriarchs Militant" and the remarks thereon, in the report of the Grand Sire, your committee believe said remarks to be well timed; that while it may have been well, in the organization of the Army of the Patriarchs Militant, to be largely "governed by purely military rules," the time has now come when they can be greatly relaxed without jeopardizing the discipline which should be preserved in such a body, and without lowering its present high standing; that it is "an important adjunct, of great value to the Order," over which, as over every other branch of the Order, the Sovereign Grand Lodge must exercise supreme control.



Inasmuch as the question of the disbanding of Uniformed Patriarchs was laid over at the last annual communication of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, we do not deem it best to make any recommendation pending action thereon.

Your committee recommend the adoption of so much of the report of the Lieutenant-General as was referred to them, except as to the report of the Military Council and the proposed Decoration of Chivalry, concerning which we make no recommendation, inasmuch as the subjects contemplate new legislation, and should be considered by the Committee on Legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

ED. A. STEVENS,	C. A. JEWELL,	C. B. NEWTON,
F. R. A. JETER,	JOHN G. DEUBERT,	J. V. PEERS,
OLIVER DUFOUR,	J. WARD ELLIS,	H. H. NOLAND.

Rep. STILLSON, of Vermont, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the following resolution of Rep. KENDALL, of Wisconsin, viz.: "That a suitable sign of recognition be adopted for the use of Subordinate Encampment members having the Royal Purple Degree,"

Having carefully considered the same, deem legislation upon this subject inexpedient, and would offer the following:

*Resolved*, That the committee be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. STILLSON,	WM. H. ISZARD,	S. H. KELSEY,
C. A. ROBBE,	C. M. BUSBEE,	E. K. WILCOX,
CL. T. CAMPBELL,	W. W. LYMAN.	

Rep. ROBBE, of Georgia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. GRAHAM, of Louisiana, as follows: "That Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge are hereby empowered to permit their Subordinates to grant such weekly benefits as they may deem the necessities of the case require, to aged and infirm members in good standing, who, through such infirmities, are unable to pursue any occupation whereby they may obtain a livelihood; *provided*, that all applicants under the provisions of this resolution shall have been contributing members to the Lodges or Encampments to which they are attached for the space of ten years previous to their application for relief,"

Ask leave to report as follows:

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Sovereign Grand Lodge that Subordinate Grand Bodies have already been granted full power (*see* Sections 28 and 65, c. White's Digest) to enact such laws enabling the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments to make provision for benefits for the "aged and infirm" as they may deem proper, and that further legislation on the subject-matter is not necessary at the present time.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. ROBBE,	S. H. KELSEY,	CL. T. CAMPBELL,
JOHN G. CLARK,	WM. H. ISZARD,	C. M. BUSBEE,
W. W. LYMAN,	E. K. WILCOX,	H. L. STILLSON.

Rep. CARLETON, of Texas, from the Committee on Legislation, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. CAMPBELL, of Ontario, providing for the issuance of a Receipt Card by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the same to have the force and effect of the present "Visiting Card," providing for the printing of same, fixing the price and form thereof, and abolishing the present Visiting Card; and also certain resolutions adopted by the Grand Lodge of Nevada, on the same subject as that of Rep. CAMPBELL, beg leave to report that the subject-matter of said resolutions having heretofore received, at several sessions of this Body, very full consideration, and been disapproved by decisive majorities, and your committee being of the opinion that the proposed legislation is not for the good of the Order, but would tend to its material injury, they therefore recommend that the said resolution be not adopted, and that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED CARLETON,  
E. D. HOGE,  
T. J. ATKINS,

C. C. PEARCE, R. B. CAPEN,  
WALTER E. CARLIN, L. GRAHAM,  
HENRY C. HEDGES.

Rep. CARLETON, of Texas, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. CAMPBELL, of Ontario, as follows: "That Grand Bodies which have adopted a Representative system for legislative purposes are hereby authorized to enact such laws as shall confine the voting for their Grand Officers to Representatives,"

Beg leave to report that the subject-matter of said resolution has received their most careful consideration, and regarding the proposed legislation as being in conflict with well-established, long-tried and fundamental laws of the Order and not necessary for its future welfare, do recommend that the same be not adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED CARLETON,  
HENRY C. HEDGES,  
E. D. HOGE,

WALTER E. CARLIN, B. F. ROUNDS,  
C. C. PEARCE, L. GRAHAM,  
T. J. ATKINS, R. B. CAPEN.

Rep. PEARCE, of Florida, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom were referred the preamble and resolutions offered by Rep. JOHNSON, of Rhode Island, providing that Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments may permit their Subordinates to appropriate out of their treasuries for the entertainment of Grand Officers visiting officially, for the entertainment of visiting Lodges, and for the celebrating of the anniversaries of their organizations, provided that such expenditures shall not exceed



ten per cent. of their total receipts from annual dues and receipts from investments, beg leave to report that such proposed legislation is inexpedient and calculated to open the door to extravagant expenditure of money by Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, to the great injury of their financial condition, and they therefore recommend that said resolutions be not adopted, and that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. PEARCE,	B. F. ROUNDS,	T. J. ATKINS,
WALTER E. CARLIN,	HENRY C. HEDGES,	R. B. CAPEN,
E. D. HOGE,	L. GRAHAM.	

Rep. TUTTLE, of Colorado, from the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on Miscellaneous Business, to whom were referred the preamble and resolutions of Rep. MILLER, of Illinois, as follows: " WHEREAS, Owing to the cheapness and increased facilities of transportation and the social and commercial relations of the two continents, many of the members of our Order find themselves in foreign countries where there are no established Lodges of Odd Fellows; *and whereas*, the objects and purposes of our Order and the Manchester Unity are practically the same, and realizing that the interests of the members of each of these organizations might be benefited if some plan of reciprocal recognition and relief could be adopted; therefore,

" *Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed, the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary to be members of said committee, whose duty it shall be to confer with the Grand Master of the Manchester Unity, with a view to the appointment of a like committee, who shall jointly prepare and present to each Grand Body a plan of action to secure the objects herein set forth; and

" *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary forward to the Grand Master of the Manchester Unity a copy of these resolutions,"

Beg leave to report thereon, that as for several years the desire on both sides of the ocean and in both Orders has been steadily growing for some system of mutual visitation and care for sick and distressed Brothers and in view of the fact that the Manchester Unity, as voiced by its Grand Master, have expressed the wish that steps to this end be taken (*see Journal 1886, pages 10,266, 10,267, and Grand Sire's Report to this session, pages 10,731, 10,732*), we recommend the adoption of the following:

*Resolved*, That the preambles and resolutions, as presented by Rep. MILLER, of Illinois, and made part hereof, be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK A. TUTTLE,	RICHARD DEAN,	C. B. EDWARDS,
E. B. MOORE,	ALFRED SLACK,	A. L. HILL,
LEWIS MALVERN,	W. C. TWEEDALE,	JAMES A. PRICE.

Rep. EDWARDS, of North Carolina, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on Miscellaneous Business have had under consideration the portions of the Grand Sire's report referred to them by the Special Committee on Distribution, in reference to the following subjects, viz.: Transfer of Juris-

diction, Past Official and Grand Lodge Degrees, District Deputy Grand Sires for the year 1887, Grand Visitations, and Anniversary Proclamation, and respectfully recommend that the same be approved by this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. EDWARDS,	LEWIS MALVERN,	FRANK A. TUTTLE,
W. C. TWEEDALE,	ALFRED SLACK,	A. L. HILL,
RICHARD DEAN,	JAMES A. PRICE,	E. B. MOORE.

Rep. HILL, of Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Miscellaneous Business, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Secretary's report as relates to Odd Fellows' Homes for the aged as well as for the orphans of our Order, report that these efforts meet with our hearty approval, as being the means of carrying out the principles of relieving the distressed and assisting the orphan, and we recommend the establishment of other institutions, wherever Lodges are able to do so, and can set aside a fund sufficient to meet the requirements of these Homes.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. HILL,	FRANK A. TUTTLE,	LEWIS MALVERN,
W. C. TWEEDALE,	C. B. EDWARDS,	ALFRED SLACK
RICHARD DEAN,	JAMES A. PRICE,	E. B. MOORE.

Rep. SLACK, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Miscellaneous Business beg leave to report that the report of the Committee on Distribution of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary's reports referred to this committee the subjects of Duplicate Charters and Warrants Issued, and they should have been referred to the Committee on Petitions. We ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subjects.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED SLACK,	A. L. HILL,	C. B. EDWARDS,
E. B. MOORE,	FRANK A. TUTTLE,	LEWIS MALVERN,
W. C. TWEEDALE,	JAMES A. PRICE.	

Rep. MALVERN, of New Hampshire, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Miscellaneous Business would heartily indorse the words of wisdom in the Grand Sire's report, pertaining to the "Fraternal Press," and would lay stress upon the fact that there are some papers in our Order which seem simply to exist for the sake of the financial benefit derived therefrom, and other papers which assign one or more columns to the care of some of our Brothers, for the benefit of these respective papers; yet, in view of the fact that at times there has been too much bickering and too many personalities, therefore we respectfully suggest, in view of this, that all these editors and writers be impressed with the fact that they are not writing for the information



of the public, but "for the good of the Order." Hence, we request them to think of the great damage done to the fraternity by the undue publicity of this feeling, and sincerely hope that these writers will remember that they are Odd Fellows, whose motto is "Friendship, Love and Truth."

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS MALVERN,  
JAMES A. PRICE,  
E. B. MOORE,

A. L. HILL,  
ALFRED SLACK,  
W. C. TWEEDALE.

FRANK A. TUTTLE,  
C. B. EDWARDS,

Rep. BLOCK, of Iowa, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on Foreign Relations beg leave to report a careful and thorough examination, on their part, of all parts of the reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, relating to the jurisdiction of Switzerland. In this jurisdiction the gain in membership is but small. This, in the words of Bro. LOUIS KLAJE, is due to circumstances rather than to men. Our Order has been introduced in the German-speaking Protestant part of Switzerland only, so small a portion of the Republic that it may be traversed in a few hours. We cannot hope to be able to establish Lodges in the Roman Catholic portion of Switzerland, or among the French, Italian or Romanesque part of its population. We have done better than we could expect to do in this distant jurisdiction, and with that we must be content. Nothing contained in the correspondence from Switzerland requires special action.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN BLOCK,  
W. A. BARRY,  
G. F. ROBBINS,

WM. REINECKE,  
F. DEMARS,  
JOHN WELSH,

ANDRE CUSHING,  
H. J. ROWE,  
J. T. PETTY.

Rep. ROBBINS, of Rhode Island, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on Foreign Relations having examined the correspondence from Peru, take pleasure in reporting to you that this jurisdiction, as yet small, is in excellent condition.

There has been no gain in membership, yet each of its three Lodges is progressing, and the same may be said of its Encampment. The aggregate membership is 138. Peru's prosperity is, to a great extent, due to the good judgment, energy and activity of its excellent D. D. Grand Sire, Bro. F. L. CROSBY. A new hall, of which the Brethren are very proud, has been secured. Peace and harmony prevail among the membership, all of whom are striving in their "small way," as they are pleased to put it, to carry out the principles of our Order. The condition of affairs in Peru must be pleasing and satisfactory to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, Peru being under its immediate jurisdiction and care.

Respectfully submitted,

G. F. ROBBINS,  
F. DEMARS,  
H. J. ROWE,

HERMAN BLOCK,  
WM. REINECKE,  
J. T. PETTY,

ANDRE CUSHING,  
W. A. BARRY,  
JOHN WELSH.

Rep. LYMAN, of California, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, as follows: "That the emblematic color of the Patriarchal Degree be known and designated as green, and that of the Golden Rule Degree be known and designated as gold, this Grand Lodge having adopted a form of dedication of Lodge-rooms in which those colors are designated as the emblematic colors of those degrees,"

Have duly considered the same, and deem it inexpedient to recommend the legislation proposed. The committee respectfully ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. LYMAN,	CL. T. CAMPBELL,	E. K. WILCOX,
C. A. ROBBE,	C. M. BUSBEE,	JOHN G. CLARK.
WM. H. ISZARD,	H. L. STILLSON,	S. H. KELSEY.

Rep. ISZARD, of New Jersey, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the request of the Grand Lodge of Florida, asking the Sovereign Grand Lodge to approve and recommend to the fraternity everywhere the enterprise of building a Home, to be located in Jacksonville, Florida, for sick and afflicted Odd Fellows from all parts of our country who may seek the restorative benefits of the climate of Florida, in which these Brethren may find the comforts and repose of a home—not as a charity, but as their right—beg leave to report and say that, while the object of the request is a commendable one and entitled to the fraternal regard and sympathy of the Brotherhood, and while the committee duly appreciate the motives and spirit which have actuated this noble movement, yet, in view of the fact that in many of the jurisdictions Homes are being erected for the aged and infirm Odd Fellows under their own immediate control, it would not be advisable for this Sovereign Grand Lodge to make these special recommendations, but can and do cheerfully recommend to all jurisdictions to provide Homes and care for their aged and infirm members, and hence your committee would ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. ISZARD,	E. K. WILCOX,	C. M. BUSBEE,
CL. T. CAMPBELL,	S. H. KELSEY,	W. W. LYMAN,
C. A. ROBBE,	JOHN G. CLARK.	

Rep. AYDELOTT, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom were referred petitions asking for the establishment of the following Encampments, viz.: Wasatch Encampment, No.



3, Park City, Utah; Floral Encampment, No. 2, Phoenix, Arizona; Albuquerque Encampment, No. 4, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Alberta Encampment, No. 1, Alberta, Canada, would respectfully report they have examined the papers submitted, find the same correct, and that the Encampments named have been duly instituted.

We, therefore, recommend that the action of the Grand Officers be approved, and the Charters for the above named Encampments be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES G. AYDELOTT,	H. J. STROUSE,	C. D. ANDERSON,
WM. R. DUTEMPLE,	J. F. HEDRICK,	W. H. RUBY,
C. SHRIVER,	C. D. COBB,	FRANCIS M. REA.

Rep. REA, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. STEVENS, of Minnesota, praying that a duplicate Charter be issued to the Grand Encampment of Minnesota, the original having been lost by the fire destroying the State Capitol at St. Paul, respectfully report that they have considered the same, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to prepare and forward to the Grand Encampment of Minnesota a duplicate Charter to replace the original, which was destroyed by fire, and without cost.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS M. REA,	H. J. STROUSE,	J. T. HEDRICK,
JAMES G. AYDELOTT,	C. SHRIVER,	W. H. RUBY,
W. R. DUTEMPLE,	C. D. ANDERSON,	C. D. COBB.

Rep. REA, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of Rep. FORNEY and others, praying that a duplicate Charter be issued to Covenant Lodge, No. 6, of Idaho, to replace the original Charter, which was destroyed by fire, respectfully report that they have considered the same, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to prepare and forward to Covenant Lodge, No. 6, of Idaho, a duplicate Charter to replace the original, which was destroyed by fire, and without cost.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS M. REA,	H. J. STROUSE,	WM. R. DUTEMPLE,
W. H. RUBY,	J. T. HEDRICK,	C. SHRIVER,
C. D. ANDERSON,	JAMES G. AYDELOTT,	C. D. COBB.

Rep. HEDRICK, of Nebraska, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition for Concorde Lodge, No. 1, Havre, France, would report that said Lodge was instituted March 2d, 1887, under Warrant duly issued by the Grand Officers, bearing date of February 3d, 1887.

We therefore recommend the following:

*Resolved*, That the action of the Grand Officers be approved, and the Charter for said Lodge be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. HEDRICK,	C. SHRIVER,	C. D. ANDERSON,
JAMES G. AYDELOTT,	FRANCIS M. REA,	H. J. STROUSE,
WM. R. DUTEMPLE,	W. H. RUBY,	C. D. COBB.

Rep. CARLIN, of Illinois, from the Committee on Legislation, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom were referred that part of the report of the Grand Sire entitled "Regalia in Grand Lodges;" the resolution of Rep. GOODWIN, of Georgia, by instruction of the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction (Journal, page 10,843); the resolution of Rep. MACDIARMID, of Ontario (Journal, page 10,851); the proposed amendment to Article XXII., By-Laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, presented by Reps. BRAINARD and PETTY, of the District of Columbia (Journal, page 10,893); the resolution of Rep. PARKER, of New Jersey (Journal, page 10,896), and the resolution of Rep. MILLER, of Illinois (Journal, page 10,898), all of said propositions relating to the subject of changing or modifying the regalia now prescribed for use in Grand and Subordinate Bodies, beg leave to report that we have carefully considered the several propositions, and in view of the large sentiment manifested in favor of authorizing or permitting the use of a badge, to be worn in lieu of the expensive and cumbersome regalia now required, your committee offer the following amendment to Article XXII. of the By-Laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and recommend its adoption:

Amend Article XXII. of the By-Laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, by adding thereto the following:

Members of Grand and Subordinate Bodies, in lieu of the collar, may wear on the lapel of the coat a badge two inches wide and six inches long, of the same color as the collar prescribed for the several degrees and rank attained, which badge may be trimmed with gold, silver or other metal to conform to that provided for collars.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER E. CARLIN,	HENRY C. HEDGES,	T. J. ATKINS,
R. B. CAPEN,	L. GRAHAM,	FRED CARLETON,
E. D. HOGE,	B. F. ROUNDS,	CHAS. C. PEARCE.

Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Legislation have considered so much of the report of the Grand Sire under the head of "Necessary Legislation," and report that they are in accord with the Grand Sire, and in their judgment the following By-Laws of this Grand Lodge should be amended, to wit:

*First.* Amend Article I. by inserting, after the word "Order," in the first line, the words "of the Degree of Truth."



*Second.* Amend Article II. by striking out the word "qualified," in the second line, and inserting in lieu thereof, "Royal Purple"

They also are in favor of amending the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, as follows:

*First.* Amend Article I. by striking out of the second line the words "including one qualified to preside at its sessions," and insert "of the Degree of Truth."

*Second.* Amend Article VII, Section 4, by striking out "twenty-six nights," in the fourth line, and insert "a regular term."

*Third.* Amend Article VIII., Section 1, of the Constitution of Subordinate Encampments, by adding, after "vacancy," in the fourth line, "except for the two terms after an Encampment has been instituted or revived."

And they recommend the adoption of said proposed amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY C. HEDGES,	WALTER E. CARLIN,	E. D. HOGE,
R. B. CAPEN,	FRED CARLETON,	L. GRAHAM,
CHAS. C. PEARCE,	B. F. ROUNDS,	T. J. ATKINS.

Rep. CAPEN, of Maine, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred so much of the report of the High Commission as is of a legislative nature, found on pages 10,876-10,890, have carefully examined the same, and recommend the following:

*Resolved,* That said action of the High Commission be approved by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and stand as the law of the Order.

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. CAPEN,	T. J. ATKINS,	E. D. HOGE,
B. F. ROUNDS,	L. GRAHAM,	HENRY C. HEDGES,
FRED CARLETON,	WALTER E. CARLIN,	C. C. PEARCE.

Rep. ORENDORFF, of Illinois, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred certain decisions of the Grand Sire, found in his original and supplementary reports, have examined the same and find them correct, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That the decisions of the Grand Sire, found in his report, and numbered as follows, 1, 2, 3, 4, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and Decisions Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Grand Sire's supplementary report, be and the same are hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED ORENDORFF,	WM. H. COMLEY,	L. D. FREER,
J. B. FRIEDHEIM,	LEWIS PARKER,	CHAS. R. GIBSON,
O. J. SEMMES,	M. D. BRAINARD,	W. I. CORNWELL.

Rep. ORENDORFF, of Illinois, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred decisions of the Grand Sire, numbered 14, 22 and 25, have examined the same, and while approving the substance of the decisions, it is deemed proper that they should be modified so as to prevent their misconstruction, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Sire's decision No. 14 be amended by striking out the proviso found at the end of his decision.

That Decision No. 22 be amended, by striking out all of said decision after the word "disturbed," and inserting the words "or his rights to advancement interfered with."

That Decision No. 25 be amended, by striking out the words "unless he waive that right, which he may do."

And that, with these modifications, the above decisions are hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED ORENDORFF,	WM. H. COMLEY,	CHAS. R. GIBSON;
L. D. FREER,	LEWIS PARKER,	M. D. BRAINARD,
J. B. FRIEDHEIM,	O. J. SEMMES,	W. I. CORNWELL.

Rep. CAMPBELL, of Ontario, from the Special Committee on Dues and Benefits, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Special Committee on Dues and Benefits have to report that in view of the extended reports presented of late years, they are not disposed to submit further data bearing on this subject, or to reiterate the arguments so often urged in favor of establishing our beneficial system on a substantial financial basis. We are still as deeply impressed as ever with the importance of this question, and are satisfied that the Sovereign Grand Lodge should, at some time, exercise its undoubted constitutional powers, and compel the adoption of sound business regulations by all its Subordinates. But we recognize the propriety of such steps being taken as shall fully educate our membership in all the phases of this question. Many reports have been presented to this Sovereign Grand Lodge during the past thirty years, containing information calculated to be of service to the Order, had it been properly utilized. These reports, however, have not had the extended circulation necessary to familiarize the Brethren with their contents. Some Grand Representatives have communicated them to their jurisdictions, and in some cases they have been acted upon, but in many jurisdictions they are altogether unknown. If it is worth while spending time and labor and money to secure the information contained in these reports, it is certainly necessary that they should be as widely disseminated as possible. And it appears to your committee advisable, before procuring additional data, to take some steps to make our membership acquainted with what we have already obtained. We therefore submit the following:

*Resolved*, That a pamphlet, not exceeding twenty pages, be prepared, containing extracts from the various reports of Special Committees on Dues and Benefits, and that a copy be sent to each Subordinate Lodge, together with a circular directing that action be taken thereon.

*Resolved*, That your committee be continued, and that the Grand Sire fill any vacancies therein.

Respectfully submitted,

C. T. CAMPBELL,

WALTER E. CARLIN.

Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, from the Committee on Legislation, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:



*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Legislation have considered so much of the report of the Grand Sire as is contained under the head, "Indian Territory," and are of the opinion that the action of the Grand Sire in sanctioning the removal of Pocahontas Lodge, No. 2, in the Indian Territory, from Savanna to Lehigh, in the same Territory, should be approved. They are further of the opinion that they see no objection to entrusting to the Grand Sire, in recess, the power to consent to the removal of Lodges under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and therefore offer the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the action of the Grand Sire in sanctioning the removal of Pocahontas Lodge, No. 2, Indian Territory, from Savanna to Lehigh, be and is hereby approved, and the prayer of the petition of said Lodge for removal is hereby granted.

*Resolved*, That during the recess, the Grand Sire be, and hereby is, entrusted with the power to consent to the removal of Lodges and Encampments under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and in case he exercises such power, he shall report his action to this Grand Body at the next session thereof held thereafter.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY C. HEDGES,	L. GRAHAM,	FRED CARLETON,
T. J. ATKINS,	B. F. ROUNDS,	R. B. CAPEN,
E. D. HOGE,	WALTER E. CARLIN,	C. C. PEARCE.

Rep. SHERIDAN, of Ohio, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, would report that we have examined the same and find it in harmony with the laws of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, except a part of Section 4, Article III., which says, "and after a satisfactory examination in the degrees pertaining thereto."

In the opinion of this committee, a State Grand Lodge has not the right to examine a Brother in the Subordinate Degrees who presents a proper certificate from his Lodge to his Grand Lodge.

We therefore recommend the following:

*Resolved*, That the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, with the exception of the part referred to above, be and the same is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. SHERIDAN,	JOSEPH OLIVER,	A. A. WHEELER,
E. CAMP,	A. B. CRANE,	GEO. W. LEE,
WM. W. HENRY,	W. J. BRADSHAW,	F. RICE.

Rep. SHERIDAN, of Ohio, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, would report that we examined the same and find that the Grand Secretary of Kansas has failed to certify to the alleged amendments; neither is the seal of the Grand Lodge attached, which

we find is in direct conflict with Section 238 of White's Digest. Nothing accompanies the amendments except a copy of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, with the amendments merely marked. We therefore recommend that the amendments be referred back to the Grand Lodge of Kansas for proper correction.

We offer the following:

*Resolved*, That the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kansas be referred to the Grand Secretary of Kansas, for proper certification, as required by Section 238, Digest.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. SHERIDAN,  
W. J. BRADSHAW,  
JOS. OLIVER,

WM. W. HENRY,  
A. B. CRANE,  
GEO. W. LEE,

A. A. WHEELER,  
E. CAMP,  
F. RICE.

Rep. CRANE, of New Jersey, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred the By-Laws of Hijos del Trabajo Lodge, No. 7, Cuba, beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and make the following amendments and alterations thereto: Article XVII, strike out all after the words "10 P. M." The article will then read as follows: "The regular sessions shall be held on all Fridays, from 7 to 10 P. M." Article XXIII, strike out the word "Presidency," and insert "Noble Grand." Article XXVII, strike out in the fourth line the word "President," and insert "Noble Grand." In same article, after the word "approval," in eleventh line, insert the words "or disapproval," and strike out all after the word "sign," in the last line. Article LXV., strike out all after the word "assistance," in the seventh line. Article LXXI., strike out after the word "filled," in the eleventh line, the words "during said term one of the following three changes," and insert instead the words "any subordinate office," and at the end of the same article add the words "after having received a dispensation from the proper authority." Strike out the whole of Article LXXII, and insert instead the following: "The officers of this Lodge shall consist of Noble Grand, Vice Grand, Recording Secretary, Permanent Secretary (if necessary), Treasurer, who shall be elected, and the following appointed officers: Warden, Conductor, Right and Left Supporters of the Noble and Vice Grands, Right and Left Scene Supporters, Inside and Outside Guardians. The Noble Grand may appoint a Chaplain. The appointment of the appointive officers to be made by the Noble Grand, excepting the Supporters of the Vice Grand, who are appointed by that officer." Strike out the whole of Articles LXXXII. and LXXXIII., and re-number the remaining articles. Strike out, in all cases where it occurs, the word "Temple," and insert instead the word "Lodge."

With the above changes and amendments, we would recommend the approval of the By-Laws.

We offer the following:

*Resolved*, That the By-Laws of the above-named Lodge, as corrected, be and are hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. CRANE,

A. A. WHEELER

W. J. BRADSHAW,

J. B. SHERIDAN,

JOSEPH OLIVER,

GEO. W. LEE,

E. CAMP,

WM. W. HENRY,

F. RICE.

Rep. WHEELER, of Missouri, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:



*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your committee to whom were referred the By-Laws of Albuquerque Lodge, No. 1, New Mexico, having examined the same, find them in conformity to existing law and recommend their approval.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. WHEELER,	J. B. SHERIDAN,	E. CAMP,
FRANCISCO RICE,	JOSEPH OLIVER,	WM. W. HENRY,
W. J. BRADSHAW,	GEO. W. LEE,	A. B. CRANE.

Rep. FREER, of California, laid on the table the following proposed amendment to the Constitution:

*Resolved*, That Section 2, Article XVI., of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

SECTION 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males, of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of eighteen years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; *provided, however*, that when the applicant is not of lawful age, he shall first secure and present in writing, with his petition for membership, the consent of his father or legal guardian; *and provided further*, that in Australia, New Zealand, and other countries not on the Continent of North America, in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualification as to age shall be left to local legislation.

L. D. FREER, of California.	HERMAN BLOCK, of Iowa.
M. D. BRAINARD, of Dist. of Columbia.	OLIVER DUFOUR, of Dist. of Columbia.
J. THOS. PETTY, of Dist. of Columbia.	A. A. WHEELER, of Missouri.
D. A. SMITH, of Missouri.	JAMES B. BLANKS, of Virginia.
GEORGE W. DILKS, of New York.	E. D. HOGE, of Utah.
WM. W. MORRIS, of Kentucky.	

Rep. REINECKE, of Kentucky, laid on the table the following proposed amendment to the Constitution:

*Resolved*, That Section 4, Article I., of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, be amended so as to read as follows:

With the consent of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of a State, District or Territory, an appeal may be had by any Subordinate Lodge or Encampment to the Sovereign Grand Lodge; such consent, however, not being necessary when an expelled Lodge or Encampment, after having surrendered to its Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment all its effects, appeals from such decision. Appeals may also be heard from a member or members of a State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment from the decision thereof; but in all cases the decision of the State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall be final and conclusive until reversed by this Grand Lodge on a direct appeal therefrom. All appeals to the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall be subject to such general regulations as it may adopt.

WM. REINECKE, of Kentucky.	C. T. CAMPBELL, of Ontario.
JNO. N. VAN DEMAN, of Ohio.	JOHN G. CLARK, of Wisconsin.
WM. S. JOHNSON, of Rhode Island.	HERMAN BLOCK, of Iowa.
OLIVER DUFOUR, of Dist. of Columbia.	CHAS. H. RANDALL, of California.
FRED CARLETON, of Texas.	R. E. WRIGHT, of Pennsylvania.
FRANCIS M. REA, of Pennsylvania.	JAMES B. BLANKS, of Virginia.
JOHN B. GOODWIN, of Georgia.	W. E. PEARCE, of Virginia.
ALFRED ORENDORFF, of Illinois.	J. T. PETTY, of Dist. of Columbia.

Rep. CUSHING, of the Lower Provinces, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire's and Grand Secretary's reports and correspondence as relates to the Order in the German Empire, beg leave to report:

That the correspondence during the year has been light and of commonplace character. Nothing has transpired to excite controversy, and the machinery of the Order seems to have run smoothly and naturally. This, we think, may fairly be attributed to the liberal policy adopted by this Sovereign Grand Lodge, and so generously entered upon with this highly intelligent and important jurisdiction, in granting them the utmost independence and latitude of action consistent with the character and integrity of Odd Fellowship, and the supremacy of its head. Under this policy, we may hope for corresponding good results in all our foreign jurisdictions.

The biennial session of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire was held at Kiel, from the 8th to the 13th of August, 1887, and we are just now in receipt of the statistics for the year, from which there appears to have been the usual healthy and steady increase of membership. The session passed off most harmoniously, after which the Lodge made a delightful pleasure excursion to Copenhagen, Denmark, paying a fraternal visit to the Brethren of Scania Lodge, at Malmo, Sweden, who received them most hospitably and enthusiastically.

Bro. F. MEYENDORF, Grand Secretary, who has again consented to re-election, writes as follows:

"Relative to the representation of our Grand Lodge in the annual session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I have to report that Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, Bro. OTTO SCHAEITTE, of Philadelphia, now a member of Schiller Lodge, at Stuttgart, has kindly consented to undertake the trip to Denver, at his own expense. His offer, of course, was accepted with thanks, and I have this day filled out the proper certified credentials, etc., to Bro. SCHAEITTE."

As this Brother has not yet appeared (September 21st), we fear some unavoidable detention has prevented, and we are thus deprived of the great pleasure it would have afforded the members of this Sovereign Grand Lodge to have welcomed him to a seat amongst them.

Grand Secretary MEYENDORF asks some questions relative to the Secret Work of the Rebekah Degree, which doubtless have been, or will be, answered by our Grand Sire.

We regret to learn that Grand Sire LESSER was compelled to resign his office on account of ill health. We tender our sympathies to him, trusting he may soon again recover his accustomed vigor, and to the members of his jurisdiction in the loss of his valuable services.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDRE CUSHING,	H. J. ROWE,	W. A. BARRY,
JOHN WELSH,	WM. REINECKE,	F. DEMARS,
J. THOMAS PETTY,	HERMAN BLOCK,	GILBERT F. ROBBINS.

Rep. CUSHING, of the Lower Provinces, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom were assigned portions of the official reports of the Grand Sire and the Grand Secretary, as also a quite



voluminous correspondence from the Order in Mexico, have carefully reviewed the same, and are much pleased to find the Lodges, Ridgely, No. 1, and Juarez, No. 2, so long established in the City of Mexico, in a most prosperous condition. The membership has increased twenty-five during the year and evidently from citizens of station and character. Bro. DE GRESS, D. D. Grand Sire, has been much encouraged, and is endeavoring to extend the Order to other places, and from his well-known interest and activity in the work of the Order, we shall hope the next year to report an increase of Lodges as well as of membership.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDRE CUSHING,	F. DEMARS,	J. THOMAS PETTY,
HERMAN BLOCK,	WM. REINECKE,	H. J. ROWE,
W. A. BARRY,	JOHN WELSH,	GILBERT F. ROBBINS.

Rep. DEUBERT, of New York, moved that the Grand Lodge adjourn, which was agreed to, and the Grand Sire declared the Grand Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M., to-morrow.

THURSDAY, September 22d, 1887—9 o'clock A. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled this day, pursuant to adjournment. Present:

OFFICERS.

JOHN H. WHITE.....	Grand Sire.
JOHN C. UNDERWOOD.....	Deputy Grand Sire.
THEODORE A. ROSS.....	Grand Secretary.
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD .....	Grand Treasurer.
ALLEN JENCKES.....	Assistant Grand Secretary.
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....	Grand Chaplain.
WM. H. STEVENSON.....	Grand Marshal.
WALTER G. DYE.....	Grand Guardian.
W. H. FRAZIER.....	Grand Messenger

PAST GRAND SIRES.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....	Pennsylvania.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....	New York.
JOHN W. STOKES.....	Pennsylvania.
ERIE J. LEECH.....	Iowa.
HENRY F. GAREY.....	Maryland.

And a quorum of Grand Bodies.

The Deputy Grand Sire and Grand Marshal, by order, examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified.

Prayer by Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, Grand Chaplain.

The Deputy Grand Sire, by direction of the Grand Sire, declared the Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

Rep. VOEGTLE, of Louisiana, moved that the reading of the Journal of yesterday be dispensed with, which was adopted.

Rep. GIBSON, of Texas, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made the following report, which, the rule being suspended, was considered and adopted :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Sire's report found on page 10,723, and in which the question is raised, whether the action of the Grand Sire, in approving By-Laws of Subordinates under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, during recess, is final or is subject to review by this Grand Body, would respectfully report as follows :

Section 3 of Article I. of the Constitution for such Subordinates provides for such approval by the Grand Sire, during recess, and by this Grand Body when in session.

This clearly indicates that the general power of approval is in this Grand Body, and is only extended to the Grand Sire during recess, for the convenience of Subordinates. To hold otherwise would be to authorize such approval by two distinct authorities, and each a finality.

The latter clause of Section 1, Article IV., of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge requires the Grand Sire, at each communication, to report in writing all his official acts and decisions.

This requirement certainly contemplates a review of the same by this Grand Body.

We therefore hold that in such cases the acts of the Grand Sire should go to the Committee on Constitutions, to be examined and reported on.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. R. GIBSON,	LEWIS PARKER,	M. D. BRAINARD,
WM. I. CORNWELL,	ALFRED ORENDORFF,	O. J. SEMMES,
WM. H. COMLEY,	J. B. FRIEDHEIM,	L. D. FREER.

The jurisdictions were called, when

Rep. ROBBE, of Georgia, moved the following, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That so much of the Journal of the session of the year 1886 as has been reported on by the Committee on Unfinished Business, (page 10,914 of the present Journal,) and which has not already been acted upon, be printed and placed upon the desks of the members of this Grand Lodge, for their information, in the absence of the Journal of the session of 1886.

The matter required to be printed by the above resolution is the following :

"6. *Be it resolved*, That all previous legislation concerning the Uniformed Patriarchs, Uniformed Degree Camps, and the Patriarchal Circle, except that relating to the merging of such bodies into Patriarchs Militant, be and the same is hereby repealed; and that, at present and hereafter, the Sovereign Grand Lodge will recognize *one* semi-military and armed body only, in connection with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and that body the Patriarchs Militant.



"7. *Resolved*, That all bodies of Uniformed Patriarchs and Uniformed Degree Camps shall immediately merge into Cantons of the Patriarchs Militant, or surrender their papers of organization and Charters.

"8. *Resolved*, That after January 1st, 1887, the Lieutenant-General be and is hereby instructed to communicate with the Grand Patriarchs of the various jurisdictions, and state the names and numbers of the Uniformed Degree Camps of the said jurisdictions, respectively, which have merged into the Cantons of the Patriarchs Militant.

"9. *Resolved*, That upon receiving such information, that the various Grand Patriarchs shall, and they are hereby instructed to, demand and recover all the Charters of the Uniformed Degree Camps not having merged into Cantons of the Patriarchs Militant.

"10. *Resolved*, That the Grand Patriarchs of all jurisdictions be and they are hereby instructed to cause the destruction of all Rituals of the Uniformed Degree Camps, commencing January 1st, 1887, and that the said officers shall make return of their acts in the premises to the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge by the first of July, 1887."

Rep. ELLIS, of Illinois, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

By request of the Odd Fellows' Association of Cook county, Illinois, which has commenced the formation of a library for the use of its 6,000 members, I offer the following:

*Resolved*, That a complete set of the Journals of this Grand Lodge be donated to the Chicago Odd Fellows' Association, of Cook county, Illinois.

Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, submitted the following, which was laid on the table, to be considered with further invitations for the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1888:

Columbus, Ohio, September 20th, 1887.

HENRY C. HEDGES AND OTHERS, *Representatives of Ohio in the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.*:

Please present to the Sovereign Grand Lodge the following invitation:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., Denver, Colo.:*

The Odd Fellows' Fraternity of Columbus, Ohio, the citizens, the Board of Trade, and the Board of Directors of the Ohio Centennial Exposition, respectfully invite your Honorable Body to hold its next annual meeting in this city.

J. RUFUS MILES,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.*

PHILIP H. BRUCK,

*Mayor of Columbus, Ohio.*

E. O. RANDALL,

*President of the Board of Trade.*

J. B. FORAKER,

*Governor of Ohio, and Pres't of the Ohio Centennial Board of Directors.*

Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, submitted a proposition looking to the inspection, examination and regulation of the various Endowment and Benefit Associations, authorized by the law, found

in Sections 404, 405 and 406, Digest, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. JOHNSON, of Rhode Island, moved the following, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the rules be suspended, and that the session of this Grand Lodge, to-day, be from 9 A. M. until 12 o'clock, noon.

Rep. ORENDORFF, of Illinois, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following report, which was considered and adopted :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred certain resolutions offered by Reps. DEUBERT and CORNWELL, of New York, report the same back, with the following recommendation :

*Resolved*, That the resolutions, of Reps. DEUBERT and CORNWELL, of New York, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED ORENDORFF, *Chairman.*

Rep. LOEB, of Montana, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation :

*Resolved*, That the law, as set forth in Section 293a of Digest of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, be amended by striking out all after the word "provided," in sixth line, and inserting: "Such persons shall, in the first place, submit to a secret ballot among themselves, and shall, each of them, in their application, certify to the good character and moral standing in the community, as well as to the good health of the petitioners; such certificate to be attested to the Grand Master by the signatures of the applicants."

Rep. SCHROEDER, of Wisconsin, as directed by the Grand Encampment of Wisconsin, submitted the following proceeding of that Body, which was referred to the Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order :

WHEREAS, The consideration of resolution No. 6, found on page 10,540 of the Journal, was postponed until the session of 1887; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That this Grand Encampment hereby declares its loyalty to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, but in so doing we claim the right—nay, we regard it as our duty—to express our approval or disapproval of its action in any given matter, the same and as fully as we grant the same right and invite the same action on the part of Subordinate Encampments in this jurisdiction.

2. *Resolved*, That this Grand Encampment will yield obedience to, and fully obey all laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge so long as the same are in force, trusting to the wisdom of the Sovereign Grand Lodge to repeal all laws not found to be for the best good of the Order, and will in all lawful and proper ways, endeavor to secure such repeal; therefore, the Grand Representatives of this Grand Encampment are hereby instructed to use all lawful and proper means to secure the repeal of all resolutions in reference to the Patriarchal Circle.



Rep. KENDALL, of Wisconsin, as directed by the Grand Encampment of Wisconsin, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order :

*Resolved*, That the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., be requested to adopt a suitable form and style for a charm or jewel for the use of Royal Purple members only.

Rep. CLARK, of Wisconsin, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order :

*Resolved*, That the meeting in Lodge or Grand Lodge, by whatever name known, while in session, or marching in procession with any organization in which membership is forbidden by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, or the wearing on the person the uniform, or any part thereof, or any emblem, or the insignia of such Order, shall be conclusive evidence of membership therein.

Bro. STOKES, P. G. Sire, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

WHEREAS, Beneficial associations have multiplied so rapidly within the last quarter of a century that it has become necessary, in order to harmonize the public ceremonies at the funerals of our deceased members, who are or may be also members of some other society, to give utterance to a judgment of this Body as to what is properly due to the proprieties of such occasions, yielding always to the religious sentiments of the deceased, as primarily in order on all such occasions, we do hereby recommend that in the performance of such funeral services by any secular organization that but one of such funeral services should be observed, and that Grand and Subordinate Lodges, Encampments and Cantons are recommended to abstain from the performance of funeral services where other secular organizations have acted, or are about to act, unless by special request of the family or friends of the deceased.

Bro. LEECH, P. G. Sire, moved the following, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That after 12 o'clock to-day no new business will be received by the Grand Lodge, except by unanimous consent.

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, moved the following, which was not agreed to :

*Resolved*, That when this Grand Lodge adjourns, it adjourn to meet at 7.30 this evening.

The Grand Secretary presented the following, which was ordered to be entered on the Journal :

PHILADELPHIA, September 17th, 1887.

*On the Centennial Day of our Glorious Constitution.*THEODORE A. ROSS, *Grand Secretary*:

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—Owing you still my acknowledgment of having duly received your kind and sympathetic favor of July 30th, I had hoped to thank you for it in person at this year's session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, at Denver, provided I could represent there the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, as I intimated to you before. But although this honor has been conferred on me since, at the last session at Kiel, I must forego the gratification of presenting my certificate as Representative of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, and of meeting the illustrious Sovereign Body this year. I regret this very much indeed, and feel sadly disappointed; my wife's condition having become worse, not allowing my absence. With the certificate I received a letter, the first, from Bro. MEYENDORF (my second successor in office), couched in the most flattering and fraternal words, expressing his pleasure at having an opportunity of opening a correspondence with me. He regrets that we are not personally acquainted, and inclosed his photograph, taken with his regalia on, at Kiel, during last session.

Dear Bro. Ross, I was very agreeably surprised when I beheld the splendid picture. Bro. MEYENDORF looks like a noble, intellectual and kind-hearted gentleman. I am proud of him, and happy to think that our beloved Order possesses such a man as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire. He wishes my photograph in exchange, but I hope to present myself in person some of these days, and make his acquaintance face to face. He stated that he had informed you of my unanimous election, and he hoped to receive from me soon a special report of the session. Could you please take, officially, some notice of this explanation, the necessity for which I sincerely regret? You would oblige me by thus helping, for the sake of the German fraternity, to have at least the good intention of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, and also of mine, somehow referred to.

Please give Bros. MUCKLE and NICHOLSON my kindest regards, and tell them that our great City of Brotherly Love has done nobly during the Centennial, which was a grand success, worthy of the occasion. She has proven herself again equal to the utmost demands, and has vindicated again her claim to the appellation, "The City of Brotherly Love." Surely those who have not witnessed this Centennial have missed a great deal.

Trusting that you and Bros. MUCKLE and NICHOLSON, and also all Brothers assembled there on behalf of the good cause, are enjoying good health, and wishing God's blessing upon the work of this session, I remain,

Very truly and fraternally yours

OTTO SCHAEFFLE.

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, moved that the report of the Committee on Appeals, page 10,854, be corrected by substituting the following for the eighth paragraph, which was agreed to:

*Sixth.* The communication was read to the Encampment, and, by vote of the Encampment, it, with the certifications, were returned to him, accompanied by the statement that the Encampment declined to re-open the case.

The Lodge proceeded to consider the reports of committees as they appear on the Journal.

The first report, page 10,854, from the Committee on Appeals, sustaining the appeal of ALEXANDER MORTON from the



action of the Grand Encampment of Delaware, postponed on page 10,902, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. HIRST, of Delaware, moved the following as a substitute for the resolution, which was not agreed to:

*Resolved*, That the decision of the Grand Encampment of Delaware and of Reynolds Encampment, No. 3, be sustained, and the appeal of ALEXANDER MORTON be dismissed.

The question recurring upon the report of the committee, it was adopted.

The next report, page 10,856, from the same committee, sustaining the appeal of ALEXANDER MORTON from the action of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, postponed on page 10,902, was considered and adopted.

Deputy Grand Sire UNDERWOOD moved that the report of the High Commission, (except Sections XVII. and XVIII.,) page 10,876, be considered, which was agreed to.

The question being on the report,

Rep. GRAHAM, of Louisiana, moved that the report, with the exception of Sections XVII. and XVIII., be adopted without reading, which was agreed to.

Rep. KIGER, of New Jersey, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah have read with great pleasure the clear and concise statement of the condition of this degree, as it appears in the report of the Grand Secretary, page 10,795. From this statement it is plainly shown that this branch of our Order is meeting with encouragement, and has the indorsement of nearly all the jurisdictions subordinate to this Sovereign Body. We regret to notice that no reports have been received from seven jurisdictions for several years past. We suggest that the Grand Secretary again make call on the Grand Secretaries of the delinquent jurisdictions for an immediate report, and that such reports be incorporated in the tabular statement in the Revised Journal. It is to be hoped that the recognition and introduction of this degree will receive the early attention of such jurisdictions as have no Lodges of this degree within their limits. The condition of this branch of the Order is certainly very cheering, there being shown a large increase in the number of Lodges, membership and finances.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES S. KIGER,  
E. H. WHITNEY,  
EDWIN HIRST,

C. H. DORSETT,      J. B. KENNER,  
JOHN P. PHISTER,      LEWIS SILBER,  
MILTON HIGGINS,      SAM. WATTS.

Rep. KIGER, of New Jersey, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom were referred the decisions of the Grand Sire, Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, beg leave to report that we have considered the same and find them correct. We therefore offer the following:

*Resolved*, That the decisions of the Grand Sire, Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES S. KIGER,

J. B. KENNER,

SAM. WATTS,

MILTON HIGGINS,

E. H. WHITNEY,

C. H. DORSETT,

LEWIS SILBER,

JOHN P. PHISTER,

EDWIN HIRST.

Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, from the Committee on Legislation, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Legislation have considered the resolution offered by Rep. ORENDORFF, of Illinois (Journal, page 10,903), and inasmuch as the statistics in brief of forty-five Odd Fellows' Beneficial Associations, Mutual Aid or Life Insurance Societies are given us in the report of the Grand Secretary, and it appears that 86,394 members of the I. O. O. F., or more than sixteen per cent. of our entire membership, are members of these Associations, which have received more than eleven millions of dollars, and paid to the families of deceased members more than nine and one-half millions of dollars, and that membership in said Associations is confined to members of the Order, it seems to your committee eminently proper that this Grand Body should authorize the Grand Sire, at his discretion, to appoint an insurance expert or experts to examine any Insurance or Benevolent Association or Company confining its membership to the I. O. O. F., provided no expense is incurred by this Grand Body.

We therefore recommend the adoption of the following:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Sire is hereby authorized, at his discretion, to appoint one or more insurance experts to examine any Insurance or Benevolent Association confining its membership to the I. O. O. F., which experts shall make report of said examination to the Grand Sire, the entire expense of such examination to be paid by the Association or Company requesting the same to be made.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY C. HEDGES,

C. C. PEARCE,

T. J. ATKINS,

B. F. ROUNDS,

WALTER E. CARLIN,

FRED CARLETON,

R. B. CAPEN,

E. D. HOGE,

L. GRAHAM.

Rep. HEDRICK, of Nebraska, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition from Cyclone Lodge, No. 3, McAlister, Indian Territory, asking the consent of this Sovereign



Grand Lodge to remove their hall building from its present location to another about two miles distant, but in the same town, find this petition to be a certified letter from the Secretary of the Lodge, seal attached, but without other signatures. We also find a protest against such removal containing twenty-nine names, and a letter from the D. D. Grand Sire, who resides at Lehigh, who unites his voice with the protestants.

In view of this strong opposition to removal, your committee are of the opinion that the petition should not be granted. We offer the following:

*Resolved*, That the petition of Cyclone Lodge, No. 3, Indian Territory, be not granted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. HEDRICK,	C. SHRIVER,	C. D. ANDERSON,
H. J. STROUSE,	J. G. AYDELOTT,	WM. R. DUTEMPLE,
FRANCIS M. REA,	WM. H. RUBY,	C. D. COBB.

Rep. HEDRICK, of Nebraska, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of a convention of the Encampments of Utah, praying for a Grand Encampment in that Territory, would report that we have carefully studied the reasons advanced why a Charter should issue, notwithstanding the fact that they do not have the number of Encampments required by the By-Laws of this Grand Body. (See Article IV.)

We come to the conclusion that it would not be advisable to deviate from the usual course in this instance; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the petition for a Grand Encampment in Utah be, for the present, not granted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. HEDRICK,	C. SHRIVER,	C. D. ANDERSON,
H. J. STROUSE,	J. G. AYDELOTT,	WM. R. DUTEMPLE,
FRANCIS M. REA,	WM. H. RUBY,	C. D. COBB.

Rep. SHRIVER, of West Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of Pushmataha Encampment, No. 2, Indian Territory, requesting permission to remove the same from Atoka to Lehigh, having duly examined the papers, respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

C. SHRIVER,	C. D. ANDERSON,	FRANCIS M. REA,
W. H. RUBY,	J. T. HEDRICK,	WM. R. DUTEMPLE,
H. J. STROUSE,	C. D. COBB.	

Rep. DUTEMPLE, of Rhode Island, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom were referred the requests of America Lodge, No. 5, of Regla, Cuba, and Fraternidad Universal Lodge, No. 2, of Guanabacoa, Cuba, to remove their Lodges to Havana, have examined the reasons submitted, and believing them to be good and sufficient, the committee offer the following and recommend its adoption:

*Resolved*, That America Lodge, No. 5, and Fraternidad Universal Lodge, No. 2, be allowed to change their locality to Havana, Cuba.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. R. DUTEMPLE,	JAS. G. AYDELOTT,	C. D. ANDERSON,
C. SHRIVER,	J. T. HEDRICK,	H. J. STROUSE,
FRANCIS M. REA.		

Rep. ANDERSON, of Manitoba, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom were referred the petition for a Charter for a Degree Lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah, to be called Independence Degree Lodge, No. 2, Daughters of Rebekah, to be located at McAlister, Indian Territory (authorized at session of 1886), and the petition for Naomi Degree Lodge, No. 1, Daughters of Rebekah, in the town of Las Vegas, Territory of New Mexico, report that

WHEREAS, Said Charters were forwarded by the Grand Secretary, your committee recommend the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That this Grand Body confirm the action of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. ANDERSON,	J. T. HEDRICK,	WM. R. DUTEMPLE,
H. J. STROUSE,	JAS. G. AYDELOTT,	C. D. COBB,
FRANCIS M. REA,	W. H. RUBY.	

Rep. SHIELDS, of Alabama, from the Committee on Correspondence, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Correspondence, to whom were referred those portions of the Grand Sire's and Grand Secretary's reports relating to the Manchester Unity, I. O. O. F., report that they have read with much interest the correspondence submitted, and hail with satisfaction the renewed evidence of a desire on the part of the Manchester Unity for a revival of fraternal relations between the two Orders.

The proposition submitted by the Grand Master of the Manchester Unity for re-establishing the old visiting privileges between the two Orders, and for each to have oversight of the members of the other in sickness or distress, are certainly entitled to, and should receive, respectful and favorable consideration by this Grand Body, and to that end we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Sire, whenever it shall seem practicable to do so, is hereby authorized to appoint a committee for the purpose of perfecting plans



by which the objects contemplated by the correspondence submitted to this Grand Lodge may be accomplished, said committee to report its action to this Grand Body for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. SHIELDS,	C. E. MACK,	I. F. CLARK,
ED. G. RYLEY,	LESTER S. HILL,	HIRAM REEDY,
WILLIAM M. HILL,	WM. W. COTTON,	THOS. C. WATSON.

Rep. DILKS, of New York, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the following: "That the Grand Secretary be, and is hereby, instructed to furnish, free of cost, to all Grand Representatives and Grand Officers who have not already received them, the bound Journals of Proceedings, and, at cost, the Revised Digest," would respectfully report that they have carefully considered the subject-matter contained in said resolution, and find that the custom has prevailed of furnishing all the officers and Representatives of the Sovereign Grand Lodge with bound copies of the proceedings; and, at cost, the Revised Digest, and believing the same to be expedient and proper, would offer the following and recommend its adoption :

*Resolved,* That the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish, free of cost, to the Grand Officers and Representatives who have not already received them, the bound Journals of Proceedings, and, at cost, the Revised Digest.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. DILKS,	W. R. DUNBAR,	M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,
JAS. R. MILLER,	JAMES B. BLANKS,	CHAS. H. RANDALL,
L. H. STANNARD,	O. S. MCKINNEY.	

Rep. CODDING, of Kansas, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on Returns beg leave to submit the following report. After examination of the returns from Subordinate Encampments, we find as follows :

No. 1, Indian Territory, correct; No. 2, Indian Territory, correct; No. 10, Nova Scotia, correct; No. 12, Nova Scotia, correct; No. 14, Nova Scotia, correct; No. 1, Arizona, reports \$15 balance on initiations, and no initiations; No. 13, Prince Edward Island, correct; No. 11, New Brunswick, reports eighteen degrees conferred, and no money reported as being received; No. 1, Manitoba, combines degrees conferred and initiations under one head, as receipts; No. 2, Manitoba, correct; No. 3, Manitoba, same as No. 1; No. 1, Idaho, correct; No. 1, Denmark, degree and initiation-money reported together; No. 2, Denmark, correct; No. 3, Denmark, same error as in No. 1; No. 4, Denmark, same error as in No. 1; No. 1, South America, reports one initiation and no money received for same; No. 1, New Mexico, correct; No. 2, New Mexico, correct; No. 3, New Mexico, correct; No. 4, New Mexico, correct; No. 1, Sandwich Islands, reports six degrees conferred and no money received.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. CODDING,	RUFUS B. GIFFORD,	W. L. WHEPLEY,
H. J. RICE,	F. T. MERRILL,	O. A. JANES,
WESLEY MINTA,	JACOB LOEB.	

Rep. WILCOX, of Ohio, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred so much of the report of the Grand Sire as relates to the "Removal of Headquarters," together with the report of the Special Committee on the Permanent Location of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, have carefully considered the same, and report that in their opinion the position taken by the Grand Sire is the correct one, and should be approved and adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. That the office of the Grand Secretary has been removed from the city of Baltimore and located in the city of Columbus, Ohio, and that the said Special Committee, in behalf of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, has received and accepted a sufficient deed of conveyance, securing to the respective parties all of their rights in the premises.

Your committee therefore recommend the following :

*Resolved,* That the action of the Grand Sire be, and the same is hereby approved and adopted.

*Resolved,* That the acts of said Special Committee be, and the same are hereby fully indorsed, ratified and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

E. K. WILCOX,  
H. L. STILLSON,  
C. A. ROBBE,

C. M. BUSBEE,  
CL. T. CAMPBELL,  
W. W. LYMAN,

WM. H. ISZARD,  
JOHN G. CLARK,  
S. H. KELSEY.

Rep. PETTY, of the District of Columbia, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on Foreign Relations have read with unusual interest the correspondence with France, submitted to them, and feel that its subject-matter is of so much importance as to deserve more than a mere passing mention. The desire to see our Order established in France has long been cherished by our membership at large, and to many it has been matter of surprise, and regret as well, that seemingly insuperable obstacles prevented "a consummation" so "devoutly to be wished." We have seen a kindred Order find there congenial soil, in which it has taken root and flourished, while Odd Fellowship, with its sublime principles and its broad plans for the relief of human suffering, has vainly sought admittance. But a change has come over the scene,—a new light has dawned in the east, and La Belle France, with her teeming millions and her wondrous growth and achievements in all that constitutes a great nation, has thrown wide her doors and welcomed us with open arms in words of cheer that must gladden the heart of every member of our great Brotherhood.

We cannot easily over-estimate the value and significance of this event.

On the 2d day of March, 1887, Concorde Lodge, No. 1, with five Charter members, was instituted in the important city of Havre, by Bro. L. BOURDONNAY, P. G., of Concorde Lodge, No. 43, New York. July 14th, 1887, the Lodge had grown to ninety-four members, well instructed in the work, with twelve applications pending, and with the understanding that as soon as the membership reached 100, Lodge No. 2 would be organized. Propositions also had been received to institute Lodges at Elbaeuf and Rouen, respectively. It is a happy augury for the success of our new departure that extraordinary



care has been taken in the selection of members, Concorde Lodge adopting as a maxim: "It is better to refuse a dozen good men than to accept a single bad one." It is also worthy of special mention that this young Lodge works without books, its officers seeming to consider it a privilege, not less than a duty, to commit their several charges to memory, thus setting an example which may well be followed by other and older Lodges.

Bro. L. BOURDONNAY, who was delegated by the Grand Sire to raise the standard of Odd Fellowship in this new and promising field, merits the thanks of this Body for the rare zeal and ability with which he discharged the duties of his important trust. He was eminently "the right man in the right place."

We ask the adoption of the following:

*Resolved*, That we hail with feelings of liveliest satisfaction the institution of Concorde Lodge, No. 1, at Havre, France, and hereby extend to the Brethren thereof fraternal greetings and hearty congratulations upon the auspicious event, bidding them "God speed!" in their mission to humanity. May their numbers speedily increase a thousand-fold, and may they lay so broad and deep the foundations of the temple whose altars are dedicated to "Friendship, Love and Truth," that it shall rear its proud front to heaven "until the last syllable of recorded time."

Respectfully submitted,

J. THOMAS PETTY,	ANDRE CUSHING,	JOHN WELSH,
H. J. ROWE,	W. A. BARRY,	WM. REINECKE,
HERMAN BLOCK,	F. DEMARS,	GILBERT F. ROBBINS.

Rep. BARRY, of Tennessee, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom were referred such portions of the Grand Sire's and Grand Secretary's reports as relate to the condition of the Order in Denmark, and also the correspondence of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of that jurisdiction, beg leave to report:

From the correspondence referred to, and from the Journals of the Grand Lodge, we find that the great difficulty under which the Brotherhood in that prosperous and flourishing jurisdiction labor is the absence of a translation of our Ritual into their language, and from being compelled to continue the use of one which, as they describe it, is "indifferent in its phraseology," and but little calculated to favorably impress a candidate at his initiation, when, of all times, a good impression should be made; and they, therefore, petition the Sovereign Grand Lodge for permission to translate the Ritual into their own language, or, if this permission cannot be granted, then for permission to adopt the one which comes nearer their national character, viz, the Ritual of the German Empire; but in order to do this certain alterations and amendments, which are set forth in their petition, will have to be made.

Your committee are of the opinion that a jurisdiction which has shown such loyalty to the Grand Lodge and devotion to the principles of the Order, as has been exhibited by the jurisdiction of Denmark, a jurisdiction equal in dignity and importance to that of the German Empire, is entitled to the fullest consideration; yet, we are unwilling to recommend such changes of our laws and modes of procedure as would be necessary did we comply with this petition, and recognizing the complications which may ensue from the establishing of such precedent, your committee can see but one way out of the difficulty, and that in accordance with former action of this Grand Lodge, and one of justice to this flourishing jurisdiction, and that by the creation of an independent Grand Lodge of Scandinavia, to be composed of the Kingdoms of Denmark, Norway and Sweden. These countries, from their strength, both in number of Lodges and membership, are of right entitled and will, no doubt, receive from the Sov-

ereign Grand Lodge the fullest consideration; and should they determine upon an application for a Charter such as is suggested, would, no doubt, receive it, covered by the reservation and limitations which were made the basis of the treaty with the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, and of the one proposed at the last session for the Grand Lodge of Australasia.

In connection with this petition are some amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Denmark, changing the time of meeting, and for the election and installation of officers, which your committee deem correct and proper, and offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Denmark be and they are hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. BARRY,  
ANDRE CUSHING,  
G. F. ROBBINS,

HERMAN BLOCK,  
F. DEMARS,  
JNO. WELSH,

WM. REINECKE,  
H. J. ROWE,  
J. THOMAS PETTY.

Rep. DEMARS, of South Carolina, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the correspondence had with the Grand Jurisdiction of Chile, would respectfully report that they have carefully examined the same, and find nothing therein contained requiring any action on the part of this Sovereign Grand Lodge. While it appears from the returns of the jurisdiction that there has been a loss in Lodges and also in membership, caused, no doubt, by the unfortunate controversy with Pacific Lodge, but that having been settled to the mutual satisfaction of the parties, we have every reason to believe, from the hopeful tone of the last communication received from Bro. THOMAS J. GONZALES, Grand Master, that there will be a marked increase both in Lodges and members in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

F. DEMARS,  
H. J. ROWE,  
W. A. BARRY,

WM. REINECKE,  
ANDRE CUSHING,  
GILBERT F. ROBBINS,

HERMAN BLOCK,  
JOHN WELSH,  
J. THOMAS PETTY.

Rep. WELSH, of Ontario, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the matter in reference to the Order in Sweden, found in the Grand Secretary's report and the correspondence of the D. D. Grand Sire, Bro. ANDREAS HOLCK and Bro. E. A. GYLLENBERG, respectfully report:

That it is very gratifying to your committee to be able to report that the Order in this country is improving, and is in such a healthy financial condition, Scania Lodge, No. 1, having purchased real estate to the value of \$32,500, without seeking assistance from any outside source.

A new Lodge, Veritas, No. 2, has made application for a Warrant. They will start out with a membership of thirty, and are building a new hall for Lodge purposes, which is expected to be free of debt when instituted.

This enterprise and energy are commendable and worthy of an older and



larger jurisdiction. We recommend that the subject-matter in this section of the Grand Secretary's report, page 10,793, in reference to the forwarding of the Warrant to Bro. A. HOLCK to institute Veritas Lodge, No. 2, is not subject-matter for this committee, and recommend that this part of the section be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN WELSH,	HERMAN BLOCK,	W. A. BARRY,
F. DEMARS,	WM. REINECKE,	ANDRE CUSHING,
J. THOMAS PETTY,	H. J. ROWE,	GILBERT F. ROBBINS.

Rep. WELSH, of Ontario, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the correspondence of D. D. Grand Sire W. E. FOSTER and others, of the Sandwich Islands, with the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, respectfully report that we have examined the said correspondence and regret to have to report this jurisdiction has suffered a slight loss in membership—the unsettled state of the country, the dullness of the times and the unfortunate dissatisfaction that exists over the appointment of their D. D. Grand Sire, all contributing to this state of affairs. We trust that harmony may speedily be restored and that the feeling that has existed in the past may be forgotten, and that all may work together in the future in brotherly love, and that peace, harmony and prosperity may prevail in this jurisdiction.

We also commend the liberality of Excelsior Lodge, in the case of the widows and orphans under their charge, and the generous donation to the Charleston sufferers, they having expended the handsome sum of \$1,628 in relief during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN WELSH,	ANDRE CUSHING,	H. J. ROWE,
HERMAN BLOCK,	W. A. BARRY,	G. F. ROBBINS,
WM. REINECKE,	F. DEMARS,	J. T. PETTY.

Rep. ROWE, of Dakota, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Foreign Relations have carefully considered the report of the Grand Sire, and the correspondence submitted therewith, relating to the condition of the Order in the Netherlands, and find that there has been a small increase in membership. The future prospects, as outlined by Bro. J. HEN, D. D. Grand Sire, are more encouraging.

The committee offer the following:

*Resolved,* That the action of the Grand Sire, in permitting Paradise Lodge, No. 1, Amsterdam, to issue circulars asking pecuniary relief in other jurisdictions, to enable said Lodge to render needed assistance to its widows and orphans, be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. ROWE,	W. A. BARRY,	ANDRE CUSHING,
HERMAN BLOCK,	WM. REINECKE,	GILBERT F. ROBBINS,
J. THOS. PETTY,	F. DEMARS,	JOHN WELSH.

Rep. CRICHLow, of Tennessee, from the Special Committee on Endowment, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Special Committee on Endowment, to whom was referred the memorial sent up from the Grand Lodge of Nevada, beg leave to report that they have given this matter earnest and careful consideration, and that while they recognize the fact that there is springing up in some of the jurisdictions a desire for an insurance or endowment feature as auxiliary to the I. O. O. F., and under the fostering care of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, still, after viewing this memorial in all of its bearings, they are not prepared, *at this time*, to indorse it, nor recommend the granting of the same. The fact, however, cannot be denied that there is a considerable following in our Order who are earnestly and zealously pressing this matter for consideration. Now, in view of this fact, and that the subject may be considered in its broadest and fullest scope, your committee submit the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby directed to transmit to the various Grand Jurisdictions the following query :

"Does your Grand Jurisdiction favor an insurance or endowment department under the supervision and control of the Sovereign Grand Lodge?" And to further request that the various jurisdictions shall, if they see proper, instruct their Representatives in accordance with the action taken upon the query, whether favorable or otherwise.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. CRICHLow,	N. OSTRANDER,	ISAAC T. HART,
O. A. JANES,	WM. ELLINGHAM,	J. NEWSALT,
WM. W. COTTON,	LESTER S. HILL,	ARTHUR GIBSON.

Rep. HILL, of Rhode Island, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Special Committee on Endowment, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Secretary's report as relates to endowment or life insurance, beg leave to report that the subject-matter is covered in another report of this committee. We therefore submit the following :

*Resolved*, That the Special Committee on Endowment be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

LESTER S. HILL,	WM. W. COTTON,	WM. ELLINGHAM,
J. H. CRICHLow,	O. A. JANES,	ISAAC T. HART,
ARTHUR GIBSON,	N. OSTRANDER,	J. NEWSALT.

Rep. STEVENS, of Minnesota, from the Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. CLARK, of Wisconsin, relative to evidence of



membership in organizations not authorized by the Order, but pretending to have connection therewith, having considered the subject, recommend that the resolution be amended to read as follows:

*Resolved*, That active participation in any organization, by whatever name known, purporting to be, or which has purported to be, a part of, or connected with, Odd Fellowship, said organization not being recognized by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, shall be deemed *prima facie* evidence of membership therein, as shall the wearing of any distinctively Odd Fellows' badge, emblem, uniform or insignia, or any part thereof, in connection with said organization, or the emblems, insignia or uniform thereof,

And that the resolution as so amended be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

ED. A. STEVENS,	J. WARD ELLIS,	HINTON H. NOLAND,
OLIVER DUFOUR,	F. R. A. JETER,	JOHN G. DEUBERT,
J. V. PEERS,	C. B. NEWTON,	CHARLES A. JEWELL.

Rep. CARLETON, of Texas, from the Committee on Legislation, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. STROUSE, of Minnesota, as found on page 10,846, Journal, which relates to changing membership from one Lodge to another without first obtaining a Withdrawal Card from the Lodge of which the Brother is a member, beg leave to report that they have given the matter that careful consideration which the importance of the subject demands, and believing that there should be some change in the law as it now exists, recommend the adoption of the following in lieu of the resolution offered by Rep. STROUSE:

*Resolved*, 1. That any member of any Subordinate Lodge or Encampment of the Order, upon change of residence, shall have the privilege of applying for membership in any Lodge or Encampment without first applying for a Withdrawal Card from the Subordinate Body in which he holds membership, by first obtaining a Visiting Card from such Body and depositing the same in the Lodge or Encampment in which he seeks to obtain membership.

2. Upon election of such Brother by the Lodge or Encampment to which he shall apply for membership, said Body shall notify the Body of which he is a member, of such election, when, being free from all charges and the payment of all dues and fees, upon proper application, he shall be entitled to a Withdrawal Card.

3. Upon deposit of said card with said Lodge or Encampment in which he had been elected, he shall be entitled to sign the Constitution and By-Laws, and be received in full membership from such time, upon the payment of the admission fees required by the By-Laws of said Lodge or Encampment.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED CARLETON,	R. B. CAPEN,	E. D. HOGE,
L. GRAHAM,	HENRY C. HEDGES,	WALTER E. CARLIN,
B. F. ROUNDS,	C. C. PEARCE.	

Rep. CUSHING, of the Lower Provinces, laid on the table the following proposed amendment to the Constitution:

Amend Section 2, Article XVI., of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, by inserting after the word "age," in the eighth line thereof, the words "and color," so that the article shall read as follows:

ARTICLE XVI. SECTION 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe: *provided, however*, that in Australia, New Zealand, and other countries not on the Continent of North America, in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualifications as to age and color shall be left to local legislation.

ANDRE CUSHING, *of the Lower Provinces.*

JAMES KINES, *of Quebec.*

J. W. STEBBINS, *of New York.*

RUFUS B. GIFFORD, *of Massachusetts.*

HENRY C. HEDGES, *of Ohio.*

HIRAM HILL, *of New Hampshire.*

Rep. SEMMES, of Alabama, from the Special Committee on P. G. Rep. GWINNER's argument, made the following report, which, the rule being suspended, was considered :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Special Committee appointed under a resolution to be found on page 10,840, Journal, respectfully report that in its opinion the printed argument of Past Grand Rep. GWINNER, in the case known as the T. B. ROBINSON case, which argument is addressed to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., is not couched in parliamentary language, and should be excluded from the floor of this Grand Lodge.

Your committee therefore submit the following :

*Resolved*, That the printed argument of Past Grand Rep. GWINNER, in the case known as the T. B. ROBINSON case, be excluded from the floor of this Grand Lodge, and from its committees.

Respectfully submitted,

O. J. SEMMES,

A. H. TUCKER,

ED. G. RYLEY.

The question being on the report,

Rep. MACDIARMID, of Ontario, moved to postpone the further consideration of the subject until after the report of the Committee on Petitions on the petition of T. B. ROBINSON, of California, is presented.

The question being on the motion to postpone,

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, moved that the report be referred back to the committee, with instructions to strike out of the printed argument of P. G. Rep. GWINNER the unparliamentary and offensive language therein.

Pending the consideration of which, by unanimous consent,

Rep. JOHNSON, of Rhode Island, moved that when this Grand Lodge adjourns, it shall stand adjourned until 7:30 this evening, which was agreed to.

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved that the officers and mem-



Members of the Grand Lodge appear in regalia in the procession this afternoon, which was agreed to.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Grand Sire declared the Grand Lodge adjourned until 7:30 o'clock this evening.

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7:30 o'clock P. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present: The Grand Officers, except the Deputy Grand Sire, and a quorum of Grand Bodies.

The Grand Sire named Rep. BLOCK, of Iowa, Deputy Grand Sire *pro tem*.

The consideration of the question pending at the time of adjournment, viz., the resolution of Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, that the report of the Special Committee on the argument of P. G. Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, be recommitted to the committee, with instructions, was resumed.

The question being on the resolution,

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, asked and obtained leave to withdraw the resolution.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. MACDIARMID, of Ontario, that the further consideration of the report be postponed until after the report of the Committee on Petitions on the petition of T. B. ROBINSON, of California, is presented, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the report of the committee, it was adopted.

Rep. STEVENS, of Minnesota, moved that the resolution that no new business be considered after 12 o'clock, noon, to-day, be reconsidered, which was agreed to.

The question being on the resolution,

Rep. STEVENS, of Minnesota, moved to amend by substituting the following: "That the time for the reception of new business be extended to include the remainder of the session this day," which was agreed to, and the resolution as amended was adopted.

Rep. BUSBEE, of North Carolina, moved that 12 o'clock,

noon, to-morrow, be designated as a special order for determining the place of meeting in 1888, which was agreed to.

The consideration of reports of committees was resumed.

The first report, page 10,871, from the Committee on Appeals, sustaining the appeal of Hanover Lodge, No. 327, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, postponed on page 10,903, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,905, from the Committee on Printing Supplies, detailing the proceedings of the committee during the recess, etc., was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,903, from the Committee on Legislation, approving the resolution of Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, designating who are beneficiaries of a funeral benefit, was considered and amended by striking out the word "widow," in second line, and, as amended, the report was adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, adversely to the resolution from the Grand Lodge of New York, relative to using funds for defraying expenses of anniversaries, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,909, from the Committee on Petitions, confirming the Charter issued by the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, was considered and adopted.

Rep. JONES, of Maryland, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report that they have examined the credentials of A. J. KENT, Past Grand and Past Chief Patriarch, as Representative from the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, and find the same correct. We therefore recommend that he be accredited as such.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. M. JONES,

JOS. SCHROEDER,

WM. E. PEARCE,

PHILIP DODSON,

JUNIOUS SLOCUMB,

The next report, page 10,911, from the Committee on Appeals, sustaining the appeal of P. H. STEARNS from the action of Grand Canton Worcester, No. 3, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,915, from the Committee on Fi-



nance, remitting the Representative tax of the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia for the year 1884, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, remitting the Representative tax of the Grand Encampment of South Carolina for the years 1885, 1886 and 1887, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. REINECKE, of Kentucky, moved to recommit the report, with instructions to the committee to report their reasons why the tax should be remitted, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report, it was adopted.

The next report, page 10,916, from the same committee, remitting the Representative tax of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia for the year 1887, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, crediting to the Grand Lodge of New Mexico the amount of receipts from Subordinate Lodges in New Mexico, from January 1st, 1887, to September 7th, 1887, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,928, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, on the correspondence of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, relating to the Grand Lodge of Australasia, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,932, from the same committee, on the correspondence of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, relating to the introduction of the Order in Spain, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, moved to amend the resolution by adding after the word "Spain," in last line, the words "provided that the same be done without expense to this Grand Lodge," which was accepted by the committee.

The question being on the report as amended, it was adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the correspondence of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, relating to the Lodges in Cuba, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,935, from the Committee on Constitutions, approving the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, approving the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, approving the amended By-Laws of Las Vegas Lodge, No. 4, New Mexico, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, amending, and, as amended, approving the By-Laws of Tahlequah Lodge, No. 4, Indian Territory, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,936, from the same committee, approving Article IX. of By-Laws of Chalaco Lodge, No. 4, Peru, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, approving the By-Laws of Havana Lodge, No. 4, Cuba, and Floral Encampment, No. 2, Arizona, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,937, from the same committee, amending, and, as amended, approving the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, approving the By-Laws of Pocahontas Lodge, No. 2, Indian Territory, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, amending, and, as amended, approving the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,938, from the same committee, amending, and, as amended, approving the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Maine, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, approving the amended By-Laws of Las Vegas Encampment, No. 2, New Mexico, was considered and adopted.



The next report, same page, from the same committee, approving the By-Laws of Raton Lodge, No. 8, New Mexico, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,939, from the same committee, approving the amended Constitutions of the Grand Encampments of Ohio, Dakota, West Virginia, Nevada, Nebraska and Oregon, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, amending, and, as amended, approving the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Minnesota, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, approving the By-Laws of Gem City Lodge, No. 7, New Mexico, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,940, from the same committee, approving the amended By-Laws of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Sandwich Islands, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, approving the amended Constitutions of the Grand Lodges of Texas, Massachusetts, Manitoba, Dakota, Idaho, Oregon and New Jersey, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Returns, on the annual reports of Grand Encampments, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,941, from the same committee, on the annual reports of Grand Lodges, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the annual reports of Grand Lodges concerning Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the annual reports of Subordinate Lodges under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,942, from the Committee on Appeals, approving Decision No. 28, of the Grand Sire, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on the State of the Order, adversely to the resolution of Rep. CAPEN, of Maine, on the subject of a key to the Unwritten Work, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, on the report of the Grand Sire on the subject of the Patriarchs Militant, and the report of the Lieutenant-General, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,943, from the Committee on the State of the Order, adversely to the resolution of Rep. KENDALL, of Wisconsin, concerning a sign of recognition for the use of Royal Purple Degree members, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, adversely to the resolution of Rep. GRAHAM, of Louisiana, on the subject of weekly benefits to aged and infirm members, deeming further legislation unnecessary, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,944, from the Committee on Legislation, adversely to the resolution of Rep. CAMPBELL, of Ontario, on the subject of an official receipt, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania, moved that it be adopted without reading, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report,

Rep. McKINNEY, of West Virginia, moved that the further consideration of the subject be postponed until 10 o'clock A. M., to-morrow, which was not agreed to.

The question again recurring on the report,

Rep. OLIVER, of Ontario, moved to amend by striking out all after the word "report," in the seventh line, and inserting the following: "That the resolution submitted by Rep. CAMPBELL be adopted."

The previous question being moved, it was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the amendment of Rep. OLIVER, of Ontario?" which was not agreed to.

The question again recurring on the report, it was adopted.



The next report, same page, from the same committee, adversely to the resolution of Rep. CAMPBELL, of Ontario, confining the right, under certain circumstances, to vote for Grand Officers to Representatives, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. CAMPBELL, of Ontario, moved to amend by striking out all after the word "report," in first line of second paragraph, and inserting "that the above resolution be adopted," which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report, it was adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, adversely to the matter submitted by Rep. JOHNSON, of Rhode Island, on the subject of appropriations by Subordinates for anniversaries, etc., was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, moved that the further consideration of the subject be postponed until to-morrow, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report, it was adopted.

Rep. CARLIN, of Illinois, from the Committee on Legislation, made the following report, which was considered and adopted :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. DILKS, of New York, which appears on page 10,850, Journal, suggesting that a new installation ceremony be provided for Rebekah Degree Lodges, would report that, in our opinion, some changes in the present ceremony should be made, and we would recommend that the subject-matter be referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER E. CARLIN,	H. C. HEDGES,	L. GRAHAM,
FRED CARLETON,	E. D. HOGE,	B. F. ROUNDS,
R. B. CAPEN,	T. J. ATKINS,	C. C. PEARCE.

Rep. WHITNEY, of Michigan, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. CLARK, of Wisconsin, by order of that Grand Jurisdiction, to wit: "That the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah report to this Grand Lodge, in secret session, a sign of distress and words to accompany the same, for members of the Degree of Rebekah,"

Have had the same under consideration and would respectfully report that, in the opinion of your committee, we have all the signs necessary for all practical purposes. We would therefore recommend that the above resolution be not adopted, and your committee be discharged from further consideration of this subject.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. WHITNEY,  
SAM. WATTS,  
JAMES S. KIGER,

J. B. KENNER,  
EDWIN HURST,  
MILTON HIGGINS.

C. H. DORSETT,  
JOHN P. PHISTER,

Rep. KENNER, of Indiana, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred the resolution of the Grand Lodge of New York, praying for a new form of Ritual of Rebekah Degree Lodges, for the installation of the officers in said Lodges, and also praying for such legislation as will permit installing officers in such Lodges to associate with themselves lady Past Noble Grands, to fill the several official chairs therein; also the resolution of Rep. CLARK, of Wisconsin, praying that lady Past Noble Grands may be authorized to act as Grand Wardens at the installation of the officers of the several Rebekah Degree Lodges, and that Daughters of Rebekah may be appointed District Deputies for Rebekah Degree Lodges, have had the same under consideration, and would respectfully report that inasmuch as the Ritual for Rebekah Degree Lodges has been lately revised and new books printed, and that the installation ceremonies are incorporated in and made a part of said Ritual, it would cause the entire destruction of said Revised Ritual. We therefore deem it inexpedient to favor the change of Ritual prayed for, but as to the other demands prayed for in such resolutions, your committee favor the same.

We therefore offer the following:

*Resolved*, That it is inexpedient to change the installation ceremonies in the Rebekah Degree Ritual; and be it further

*Resolved*, That Grand Masters of the various State Jurisdictions, in which Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah exist, are authorized to appoint Deputies from among the lady Past Grands of such Lodges, to exercise the duties of installation and such other duties in said Lodges as their office empowers them to do; and be it further

*Resolved*, That installing officers for the Rebekah Degree Lodges are authorized to fill the various positions in the installation of officers of such Lodges with lady Past Noble Grands.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. KENNER,  
EDWIN HIRST,  
LEWIS SILBER.

E. H. WHITNEY, JAMES S. KIGER,  
JOHN P. PHISTER, SAM. WATTS,

Rep. HIRST, of Delaware, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred the following resolution of Rep. MINTA, of California, viz.:



"That the Sovereign Grand Lodge adopt some suitable form of burial service that may be used by Rebekah Degree Lodges on the burial of a deceased Sister thereof,"

Respectfully report that the same, in connection with a "Form of Burial Ceremony for a Daughter of Rebekah," prepared by Mrs. LOUISE B. HALL, of Evansville, Indiana, has been carefully considered.

Your committee are of the opinion that the interests of the Order would be advanced by the adoption and use of such a ceremony as is proposed, and that the form herewith submitted, with the emendations hereinafter noted, will meet all the requirements of the case.

EMENDATIONS.—In the 12th line, after the word "placed," insert the words "if circumstances will permit."

In the 13th line, after the word "pass," insert the word "by."

In the 14th line, after the word "re-form," strike out the word "his" and insert the word "the."

In the 31st line, after the word "guest," strike out the words "in" and "home," and insert the words "into" and "household."

In the 34th line, strike out the words "our household band," and insert the words "the family circle;" and further on in the same line strike out the word "the" and insert the word "his;" and in the 35th line strike out the words "of His will."

We offer the following and recommend its adoption:

*Resolved*, That the "Form of Burial Ceremony for a Daughter of Rebekah," herewith submitted, be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN HIRST,	J. B. KENNER,	C. H. DORSETT,
MILTON HIGGINS,	LEWIS SILBER,	E. H. WHITNEY,
SAMUEL WATTS,	JAMES S. KIGER,	JOHN P. PHISTER.

#### FORM OF BURIAL CEREMONY FOR A DAUGHTER OF REBEKAH.

*By Mrs. Louise B. Hall, of Evansville, Indiana.*

[Upon the death of a Sister, it shall be the duty of the Secretary, by direction of the Noble Grand, if agreeable to the family, to call the Lodge together one hour previous to the time fixed for the funeral. The Noble Grand will announce the purpose of the meeting, and appoint a Marshal and six pall-bearers. The Marshal will form a procession in order of seniority, the Noble Grand and Vice Grand and Supporters being in the rear, and proceed to the residence, in vehicles or otherwise. Each member must wear the funeral rosette on the left shoulder, and their dresses of as uniform color as convenient.

After the services at the house have been concluded, the Marshal will cause the body to be placed, if circumstances will permit, in such position as will enable the Sisters to pass by with locked fingers over the corpse. Upon arrival at the cemetery, the Marshal will re-form the line by twos, in open order and inward faced. The corpse, borne by the pall-bearers, preceded by the minister and the Chaplain of the Lodge, followed by the mourners and friends, will pass through the open line to the grave. The rear of the line will follow them, reversing the line by an inward countermarch, and will form in a circle around the grave. If the minister desires to hold further service at the grave, he shall have precedence. After he has concluded, the Noble Grand will step to the head of the grave and say:]

#### CEREMONY.

*Noble Grand*—It is needless to refer to the object of our gathering together to-day at the grave of our departed friend and Sister. The lifeless form before us tells too plainly the cause; the silent lips speak too truly the sad mission and duty which we are called upon to perform.

"The Lord hath given and the Lord hath taken away: blessed be the name of the Lord."

Death enters, an unbidden guest, into every household, and at his spectral bidding some loved one goes forth to her or his mysterious home. One by one the dearest treasures are plucked from the family circle; and at his mandate, the young, the middle aged, the ripe in years, obey the summons. We have seen human life blown away as chaff before the wind; we have seen the brightest, fairest life—the proudest manhood—suddenly blighted by his withering touch; the domestic circle rent in twain; the fireside scattered; the aged, like the beautiful setting sun, after a career of honor and usefulness, gradually and peacefully sink into rest.

Thus our Sister has reached the end of life's journey, and while we are assembled to-day to pay our last loving tribute of affection, and mingle our sympathetic tears with this stricken family—to resign to the bosom of its mother earth all that remains of her whom we knew and loved as a Sister—we bow in humble submission to the will of an Allwise Father, who doth not afflict His children willingly; but, like a Father, pitying them, calls them nearer to His side, and shelters them within His fold.

While we revere the memory of our departed Sister, and cherish her virtues, we also recall her many deeds of love and kindness upon the altar of charity; her peaceful, gentle influence in the home circle, which was the throne of her virtues. And a voice whispers to us, our life is but a vapor, a dream, a shadow that passeth away.

Farewell, then, our Sister, farewell! Go, meet thy God who has called thee home, and who has been thy stay, thy comfort and guide through life; and whose love didst sustain thee and soften thy dying pillow. Thou hast cast aside the burdens and cares of life; its joys, its sorrows, its misfortunes, its pains. Thou has passed away like a weary dove to its sheltering nest. Thy spirit has flown to its haven of rest.

Farewell, till time shall be no more; farewell, till the final summons shall call thee forth in life and beauty.

[The Vice Grand will step forward and, after delivering the following, will cast in the grave a sprig of evergreen. The members will move around in a circle, and as they pass the head (or foot) of the grave, will do the same.]

*Vice Grand*—To the grave we bring our sweetest tokens of remembrance, nature's own offering, the evergreen. In these falling leaves we behold our own natures, tossed and torn by the rude and stormy winds of life, and at last fall under the keen sickle of death; and while we deposit this emblem in token of resurrected life, dear Sister, we here forget all errors, and cherish all thy fairest virtues, which we enshrine in our hearts forever.

[All will join in singing the following:]

#### HYMN.

Sister, thou wast mild and lovely,  
Gentle as the summer breeze,  
Pleasant as the air of evening  
When it floats among the trees.

Peaceful be thy silent slumber,  
Peaceful in the grave so low;  
Thou no more shalt join our number,  
Thou no more our songs shalt know.

Yet again we hope to meet thee,  
When the day of life hath flown,  
And in Heaven we hope to greet thee,  
Where no farewell tear is known.



## PRAYER.

*Chaplain*—Almighty God, Author of all good, and Father of all mercies, in Thy wise Providence Thou hast seen fit to remove a Sister from our midst—a mother (daughter or wife) from her home circle. Help us, in this sad bereavement, to recognize Thine omnipotent power, and Thy allwise dispensations. Let this grief and sorrow bring us nearer to our own duty and closer to Thee, and enable us to accept this affliction as a voice from the Great Master.

Into Thy hands we commit the soul of our departed friend and Sister, and to Thy Fatherly care we commend this afflicted, sorrowing and stricken family in this dark hour of trial. Be Thou their comfort and consolation, and may they lean upon Thy precious promise, that "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." While Thou hast, in Thy Providence, closed our Sister's earthly career, Thou hast revealed to her the joys of Paradise. While Thou hast severed the tender, loving ties of home, family and friends, Thou hast strengthened the bond in Heaven. While Thou hast stricken loving hearts, Thou canst heal them with Thine everlasting love. May we who survive receive this lesson with resignation and submission, and be more strongly cemented in the bonds of Friendship, Love and Truth. May the Lord bless and prosper us in every good work, and in all our entire relations of the Sisterhood.

[Response by the Lodge.]

*The Lodge*—The Lord lift up His Fatherly countenance upon us, and give us peace for evermore. AMEN.

Rep. SILBER, of Wisconsin, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred the resolution of Reps. SMITH and WHEELER, of Missouri, to wit: "That this Grand Body create a Past Official Degree for Past Noble Grands of the Degree of Rebekah," have had the same under consideration and would respectfully report that we deem it inexpedient at this time to legislate on the subject. And your committee would therefore ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS SILBER,	MILTON HIGGINS,	SAM. WATTS,
E. H. WHITNEY,	C. H. DORSETT,	EDWIN HIRST,
JOHN P. PHISTER,	J. B. KENNER,	JAMES S. KIGER.

Rep. ROUNDS, of Michigan, from the Committee on Legislation, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Legislation have considered fully the memorial of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, presented by Rep. FRIEDHEIM, of Arkansas, (Journal, page 10,898,) and are constrained to say that it would not be wise for this Grand Body to assume any liability in the founding or maintaining such a Home as is contemplated by the memorialists, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. ROUNDS,	WALTER E. CARLIN,	T. J. ATKINS,
HENRY C. HEDGES,	FRED CARLETON,	L. GRAHAM,
C. C. PEARCE,	R. B. CAPEN,	E. D. HOGE.

Rep. ROUNDS, of Michigan, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Legislation have fully considered the resolution offered by Rep. KIGER, of New Jersey, and recommend for adoption the same, with a proviso as follows:

*Resolved*, That State Grand Lodges and Encampments may provide by Constitutional enactment for the erection and maintenance of Homes for aged and indigent Odd Fellows; *provided, however*, said Bodies shall not make assessments on their Subordinates for the purpose of erecting and maintaining the same.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. ROUNDS,

HENRY C. HEDGES,

C. C. PEARCE,

WALTER E. CARLIN, T. J. ATKINS,

FRED CARLETON, L. GRAHAM,

R. B. CAPEN, E. D. HOGE.

Rep. HOGE, of Utah, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. LOEB, of Montana, in reference to the law as contained in Section 293a, Digest, and that the same be amended, have considered the matter, and do not think the change advisable, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

E. D. HOGE,

WALTER E. CARLIN,

R. B. CAPEN,

L. GRAHAM,

FRED CARLETON,

C. C. PEARCE,

T. J. ATKINS,

B. F. ROUNDS,

HENRY C. HEDGES.

Rep. GRAHAM, of Louisiana, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. MAKEMSON, of Texas, as follows: "That the widows' and orphans' fund of the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments is stamped as a trust fund for the use and benefit of the widows and orphans whose husbands and fathers at their death were members in good standing in such Lodge or Encampment; and that it is illegal and a misapplication of such funds to donate or appropriate said funds, or any part thereof, to any purpose whatever, except for the direct and individual support and benefit of the widows and orphans who are, under the law, legitimate charges upon such Lodge or Encampment; *provided, however*, nothing herein shall prevent Subordinates, who may have placed their widows and orphans in an asylum or home, from using their widows' and orphans' fund in defraying the legitimate expenses thereby incurred. And the several Grand Bodies are instructed to see to it that this law is observed by their Subordinates,"

Beg leave to report that having considered the same, and finding the said



resolution to be in strict harmony with an affirmance of the fundamental principles of the Order, we recommend the adoption of said resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

L. GRAHAM,	C. C. PEARCE,	E. D. HOGE,
WALTER E. CARLIN,	HENRY C. HEDGES,	T. J. ATKINS,
R. B. CAPEN,	B. F. ROUNDS,	FRED CARLETON.

Rep. DUTEMPLE, of Rhode Island, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of CHARLES WOLFORD, Past Grand Representative, for permission to print a funeral ode, have considered the same, and report the following resolution, and recommend its adoption :

*Resolved,* That this Sovereign Grand Lodge deem it inexpedient to grant said petition.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. R. DUTEMPLE,	W. H. RUBY,	JAS. G. AYDELOTT,
FRANCIS M. REA,	J. T. HEDRICK,	C. SHRIVER,
C. D. ANDERSON,	H. J. STROUSE,	C. D. COBB.

Rep. STILLSON, of Vermont, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. EDWARDS, of North Carolina, that the Grand Sire be allowed a private secretary, at a salary of \$500, have considered the same, and respectfully report:

That, in the judgment of your committee, the Grand Sire should have clerical assistance in the performance of the duties which devolve upon him. But your committee are also of opinion that it is not expedient to create the office of private secretary, with a fixed salary, and they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution in lieu of the resolution referred to them:

*Resolved,* That the sum of \$500, or so much thereof as the Grand Sire may deem necessary, be, and the same is hereby appropriated, annually, for the purpose of procuring clerical assistance for the Grand Sire, and the Grand Sire is authorized to draw his warrants on the Grand Treasurer at such time and in such amounts as may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. STILLSON,	W. W. LYMAN,	WM. H. ISZARD,
CL. T. CAMPBELL,	JOHN G. CLARK,	C. M. BUSBEE,
S. H. KELSEY,	E. K. WILCOX.	

Rep. SEMMES, of Alabama, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the following question: "If a Brother who holds a certificate of membership in an Odd Fellows' Beneficial Association, constitutes his Lodge his beneficiary, can the Lodge, by By-Law, pay the assessments thereon out of its general fund?"

Respectfully report that such use of the general funds of a Lodge would be illegal.

Respectfully submitted,

O. J. SEMMES,	LEWIS PARKER,	L. D. FREER,
M. D. BRAINARD,	ALFRED ORENDORFF,	WM. I. CORNWELL,
WM. H. COMLEY,	CHAS. R. GIBSON,	J. B. FRIEDHEIM.

Rep. STEVENS, of Minnesota, from the Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. KENDALL, of Wisconsin, by direction of the Grand Encampment of Wisconsin, asking the adoption of a suitable form and style for a charm or jewel to be worn by Royal Purple Degree members only, having considered the same, believe it to be inexpedient, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

ED. A. STEVENS,	C. B. NEWTON,	HINTON H. NOLAND,
F. R. A. JETER,	OLIVER DUFOUR,	J. V. PEERS,
J. WARD ELLIS,	JOHN G. DEUBERT,	CHAS. A. JEWELL.

Rep. ELLIS, of Illinois, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. HIRST, of Delaware, as follows: "That the Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order be instructed to inquire into the expediency and propriety of providing suitable odes, accompanied with appropriate music, for the Subordinate Encampments, to be used according to the permissive notes found in the Subordinate Encampment Charge Book, and in lieu of, or in connection with, those odes already provided for the purpose. Also, the propriety of publishing the same as an appendix to the Subordinate Encampment Charge Book. The odes and music to be furnished to Subordinates in the same manner as are other supplies,"

Report that after careful consideration they are of the opinion that new odes and music are greatly needed, and would offer the following:

*Resolved,* That a committee of three members be appointed to prepare new odes, with music appropriate for the same, and to submit their work to the Grand Sire, and if he approves the same, then they shall be printed and bound and sold as supplies at a profit not to exceed thirty per cent. on the original cost.

Respectfully submitted,

J. WARD ELLIS,	C. B. NEWTON,	JOHN G. DEUBERT,
HINTON H. NOLAND,	OLIVER DUFOUR,	ED. A. STEVENS,
F. R. A. JETER,	J. V. PEERS,	CHARLES A. JEWELL.



Rep. WHITNEY, of Michigan, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred the following resolutions of Rep. DUTEMPLE, of Rhode Island, viz.: "That hereafter the Degree of Rebekah shall be exclusively conferred by Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah; that the law requiring elective officers in Subordinate Lodges to have obtained the Degree of Rebekah be repealed; that all laws inconsistent with the above be repealed,"

Beg to report that in the opinion of your committee the legislation asked for is inexpedient at this time, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. WHITNEY,	JAMES S. KIGER,	C. H. DORSETT,
EDWIN HIRST,	J. B. KENNER,	MILTON HIGGINS,
SAM. WATTS,	LEWIS SILBER.	

Rep. WHITNEY, of Michigan, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred the following resolution of Rep. CLARK, of Wisconsin, to wit: "That the power is hereby delegated to the Subordinate Grand Lodges to restrict, under such rules and regulations as they may adopt, not inconsistent with the general laws of the Order, the conferring of the Degree of Rebekah to Rebekah Degree Lodges in such Subordinate Lodge jurisdictions as have therein Rebekah Degree Lodges,"

Beg to report that we have carefully examined the said resolution, and believing that the legislation asked for is inexpedient at the present time, submit the following:

*Resolved,* That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. WHITNEY,	LEWIS SILBER,	SAM. WATTS,
EDWIN HIRST,	J. B. KENNER,	JAMES S. KIGER,
C. H. DORSETT.		

Rep. GRAHAM, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Legislation, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on Legislation have had referred to them the resolutions of Rep. MILLER, of Illinois, proposing a mode of trial of a Brother absent from his Lodge, in and by a Lodge adjacent to his new residence, and after careful consideration of the subject your committee have reached the conclusion that it would be unwise to legislate in the manner proposed, and they therefore beg to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

L. GRAHAM,	E. D. HOGE,	T. J. ATKINS,
HENRY C. HEDGES,	FRED CARLETON,	B. F. ROUNDS,
R. B. CAPEN.		

Rep. ATKINS, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Legislation having carefully considered the resolution offered by Reps. HEISLER and TUTTLE, of Colorado, and referred to us, report:

That a resolution of like import was presented and considered at the session of 1886, and the Committee on Legislation then favorably considered the subject, but the same did not meet the approval of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Your committee, however, after hearing the Representatives of Colorado and other western jurisdictions, are constrained to recommend for adoption the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That it is the duty of every Odd Fellow, when he is away from home and out of his own jurisdiction, to give attention and care to his Brethren in distress, and watch with the sick when necessary, as well as when he is within his own jurisdiction; and further

*Resolved*, That it is and shall be the duty of every member of the Order, on taking up his residence away from the vicinity of his own Lodge, to report himself to the Lodge nearest his residence, or when it is equally near to two or more Lodges, to one thereof, within thirty days after taking up such residence, and in making such report he shall give the name and number and location of his Lodge, and when requested by the Lodge to which he has reported, shall watch with the sick who, like himself, are away from home and their own jurisdiction; and any such member so failing to report, shall not be entitled to affiliation with the Order, nor to attention from any Lodge. And this legislation shall not be construed to hinder or prevent any Lodge or member from furnishing watchers, or giving attention to any sick or needy Brother.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. ATKINS,  
B. F. ROUNDS,  
E. D. HOGE,

WALTER E. CARLIN, FRED CARLETON,  
HENRY C. HEDGES, C. C. PEARCE,  
R. B. CAPEN, L. GRAHAM.

Rep. VOEGTLE, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem herewith present a tabular statement of the mileage and per diem allowed each officer and Representative, according to the resolution adopted at the present session.

Your committee also have had under consideration a mileage certificate from the Representative of Utah, signed by the Grand Secretary of that jurisdiction. We find that under the law he is not entitled to mileage and per diem. The action of this Body last year seems to apply to the last session only. We submit the following:

*Resolved*, That the mileage and per diem in the accompanying table accredited to each officer and Representative are hereby ordered to be paid.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH VOEGTLE,  
J. K. POWERS,  
ALEX. GUTHRIE.

EDWIN L. PILSBURY, A. N. GAMBELL,  
JOHN F. WILDMAN, GEO. W. JONES,



TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

NAME.	Place of Nativity.	Profession.	Town or Post Office.	State.	Miles Traveled.	Daily Attendance.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.
GRAND OFFICERS.									
White, John H., G. Sire.....	New York..	Lawyer .....	Albion.....	New York..	1,570	6	\$157 00	\$30 00	\$187 00
Underwood, J. C., D. G. Sire.	Dist. of Col.	Civil Engineer....	Covington.....	Kentucky..	1,237	6	123 70	30 00	153 70
Ross, Theo. A., G. Sec.....	New Jersey	Grand Secretary...	Columbus.....	Ohio.....	1,304	6	130 40	30 00	160 40
Sheppard, Isaac A., G. Treas.	New Jersey	Manufacturer .....	Philadelphia...	Penna.....	1,847	6	184 70	30 00	214 70
Jenckes, Allen, Ass't G. Sec..	Rhode Isl'd	Ass't G. Secretary.	Columbus.....	Ohio.....	1,304	6	130 40	30 00	160 40
Venable, John W., G. Chap..	Dist. of Col.	Clergyman .....	Hopkinsville...	Kentucky..	1,156	6	115 60	30 00	145 60
Stevenson, W. H., G. Mar....	Conn.....	President R. R.....	Bridgeport.....	Conn.....	1,978	4	197 80	20 00	217 80
Dye, Walter G., G. Guardian	New York..	Insurance.....	Winona .....	Minnesota..	956	6	95 60	30 00	125 60
Frazier, W. H., G. Messenger	Dist. of Col.	Clerk .....	Washington ...	Dist. of Col.	1,750	6	175 00	30 00	205 00
Garey, Henry F., P. G. Sire..	Maryland..	Lawyer .....	Baltimore .....	Maryland..	1,790	6	179 00	30 00	209 00
REPRESENTATIVES.									
Anderson, C. D.....	Sweden .....	Merchant .....	Winnipeg.....	Manitoba...	1,326	6	132 60	30 00	162 60
Atkins, Thomas J.....	Virginia....	Manufacturer .....	Paducah.....	Kentucky..	1,148	6	114 80	30 00	144 80
Aydellott, James G.....	Kentucky..	Lawyer .....	Tallahoma .....	Tennessee..	1,296	6	129 60	30 00	159 60
Barry, W. A.....	Tennessee..	Ass't Cashier.....	Nashville .....	Tennessee..	1,227	6	122 70	30 00	152 70
Blanks, James B.....	Virginia....	Accountant.....	Petersburg .....	Virginia....	1,840	6	184 00	30 00	214 00
Blauvelt, Silas E.....	Wisconsin..	Merchant.....	Sioux Falls....	Dakota .....	735	6	73 50	30 00	103 50
Block, Herman .....	Germany ...	Lawyer .....	Davenport .....	Iowa.....	869	6	86 90	30 00	116 90
Bradshaw, W. J.....	Ireland.....	Commercial Agt...	Summit.....	Mississippi	1,336	6	133 60	30 00	163 60
Brainard, M. D.....	New York..	Lawyer .....	Washington ...	Dist. of Col.	1,750	6	175 00	30 00	205 00
Busbee, Charles M.....	N. Carolina	Lawyer .....	Raleigh .....	N. Carolina	1,844	6	184 40	30 00	214 40
Camp, Ellery.....	Conn.....	Merchant .....	New Haven....	Conn.....	1,981	6	198 10	30 00	228 10
Campbell, C. T.....	Ontario .....	Physician.....	London .....	Ontario .....	1,459	6	145 90	30 00	175 90

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Capen, Rodney B.....	Mass.....	Teacher.....	Augusta.....	Maine.....	2,193	6	\$219 30	\$30 00	\$249 30
Carleton, Fred.....	England.....	Lawyer.....	Austin.....	Texas.....	1,226	6	122 60	30 00	152 60
Carlin, Walter E.....	Illinois.....	Banker.....	Jerseyville.....	Illinois.....	917	6	91 70	30 00	121 70
Celley, Daniel P.....	N. Hamp....	Blacksmith.....	St. Johnsbury..	Vermont...	2,029	6	202 90	30 00	232 90
Clark, Isaac F.....	New York..	Merchant.....	Pine Island....	Minnesota..	923	6	92 30	30 00	122 30
Clark, John G.....	Illinois.....	Lawyer.....	Lancaster.....	Wisconsin..	1,051	6	105 10	30 00	135 10
Cobb, Charles D.....	Missouri...	Insurance.....	Denver.....	Colorado...	.....	6	.....	30 00	30 00
Coddington, J. S.....	Ohio.....	Farmer.....	Westmoreland	Kansas.....	557	6	55 70	30 00	85 70
Comley, Wm. H.....	England...	Lawyer.....	Bridgeport.....	Conn.....	1,978	6	197 80	30 00	227 80
Cooper, C. B.....	Ohio.....	Railroad Agent....	Anderson.....	Indiana....	1,156	6	115 60	30 00	145 60
Cornwell, Wm. I.....	New York..	Lawyer.....	Weedspport.....	New York..	1,661	6	166 10	30 00	196 10
Cotton, Wm. W.....	N. Hamp....	Merchant.....	Portsmouth.....	N. Hamp...	2,051	6	205 10	30 00	235 10
Crane, Aaron B.....	New Jersey	Trunk Manufact'r.	Newark.....	New Jersey	1,916	6	191 60	30 00	221 60
Crichlow, James H.....	Tennessee..	Merchant.....	Murfreesboro..	Tennessee..	1,260	6	126 00	30 00	156 00
Cushing, Andre.....	Mass.....	Lumber Manufact'r	St. John.....	N. Bruns'k.	2,471	6	247 10	30 00	277 10
Dean, Richard.....	Maryland...	Cornice Maker.....	Baltimore.....	Maryland...	1,790	6	179 00	30 00	209 00
DeMars, Frank.....	New York..	Merchant.....	Orangeburg....	S. Carolina	1,756	6	175 60	30 00	205 60
Deubert, John G.....	Germany...	Copper Refiner....	New York.....	New York..	1,922	6	192 20	30 00	222 20
Dilks, Geo. W.....	New Jersey	Inspector Police...	New York.....	New York..	1,922	6	192 20	30 00	222 20
Dodson, Philip.....	England...	Merchant.....	Bozeman.....	Montana...	1,130	6	113 00	30 00	143 00
Dorsett, Charles H.....	Georgia.....	Real Estate.....	Savannah.....	Georgia.....	1,788	6	178 80	30 00	208 80
Dufour, Oliver.....	Indiana....	Retired Merchant.	Washington....	Dist. of Col.	1,750	6	175 00	30 00	205 00
Dunbar, Wm. R.....	Illinois.....	Clerk.....	Goldendale.....	Wash.....	1,355	6	135 50	30 00	165 50
Dutemple, Wm. R.....	Rhode Isl'd	Jeweler.....	Providence.....	Rhode Isl'd	2,027	6	202 70	30 00	232 70
Edwards, Cornelius B.....	N. Carolina	Printer.....	Raleigh.....	N. Carolina	1,844	6	184 40	30 00	214 40



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Ellingham, Wm.....	Ireland .....	Merchant .....	Wheeling.....	W. Virginia	1,483	6	\$148 30	\$30 00	\$178 30
Ellis, J. Ward.....	Conn .....	Dentist.....	Chicago .....	Illinois.....	1,025	6	102 50	30 00	132 50
Forney, J. H.....	N. Carolina	Lawyer .....	Mt. Idaho.....	Idaho .....	1,533	6	153 30	30 00	183 30
Freer, Leon D.....	New York ..	Judge.....	Oroville.....	California..	1,409	6	140 90	30 00	170 90
Friedheim, J. B.....	Louisiana...	Lawyer .....	Camden .....	Arkansas...	1,192	6	119 20	30 00	149 20
Gambell, Albert N .....	Vermont...	Clerk.....	Portland.....	Oregon .....	1,412	6	141 20	30 00	171 20
Gibson, Arthur.....	England ...	Bookseller .....	Fremont.....	Nebraska...	522	6	52 20	30 00	82 20
Gibson, Charles R.....	Alabama...	Lawyer .....	Austin .....	Texas.....	1,226	6	122 60	30 00	152 60
Gibson, James A.....	Kentucky..	Lawyer .....	De Witt.....	Arkansas ..	1,117	6	111 70	30 00	141 70
Gifford, Rufus B.....	Mass.....	Builder.....	Salem .....	Mass .....	2,039	6	203 90	30 00	233 90
Goodwin, John B.....	Georgia.....	Lawyer .....	Atlanta.....	Georgia.....	1,493	6	149 30	30 00	179 30
Graham, Lewis.....	Missouri ...	Printer.....	New Orleans ..	Louisiana ..	1,444	6	144 40	30 00	174 40
Greenfield, George.....	England ...	Merchant .....	Marshall.....	Michigan ...	1,202	6	120 20	30 00	150 20
Guthrie, Alexander.....	Delaware ...	Undertaker.....	Wilmington...	Delaware ...	1,859	6	185 90	30 00	215 90
Hart, Isaac T .....	West Indies	Merchant .....	Woodville.....	Mississippi.	1,385	6	138 50	30 00	168 50
Hedges, Henry C .....	Ohio.....	Lawyer .....	Mansfield .....	Ohio .....	1,322	6	132 20	30 00	162 20
Hedrick, J. T.....	Indiana.....	Merchant .....	Tecumseh .....	Nebraska...	528	6	52 80	30 00	82 80
Heisler, John P .....	Ohio .....	Lawyer .....	Denver .....	Colorado ...	.....	6	.....	30 00	30 00
Heitman, F. M.....	Germany ...	Brewer .....	Eureka.....	Nevada.....	1,031	6	103 10	30 00	133 10
Henry, Wm. W.....	Vermont...	Merchant .....	Burlington.....	Vermont ...	1,959	6	195 90	30 00	225 90
Higgins, Milton.....	Maine .....	Forwarder .....	Portland .....	Maine.....	2,131	6	213 10	30 00	243 10
Hill, A. L.....	N. Hamp...	Merchant .....	Norfolk .....	Virginia.....	1,921	6	192 10	30 00	222 10
Hill, Hiram.....	N. Hamp...	Dentist.....	Manchester ...	N. Hamp...	2,021	6	202 10	30 00	232 10
Hill, Lester S.....	Rhode Isl'd	Physician.....	Providence....	Rhode Isl'd	2,027	6	202 70	30 00	232 70
Hill, Wm. M.....	Mass .....	Real Estate .....	Salem .....	Mass .....	2,039	6	203 90	30 00	233 90

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Hirst, Edwin.....	England.....	Optician.....	Wilmington....	Delaware...	1,859	6	\$185 90	\$30 00	\$215 90
Hoge, Enos D.....	W. Virginia.....	Lawyer.....	Salt Lake City	Utah.....	649	6	64 90	30 00	94 90
Holmes, W. T.....	Michigan.....	Lumber Dealer...	Brooklyn.....	Iowa.....	764	6	76 40	30 00	106 40
Iszard, Wm. H.....	New Jersey.....	Physician.....	Camden.....	New Jersey	1,848	6	184 80	30 00	214 80
Janes, Oscar A.....	Wisconsin.....	Lawyer.....	Hillsdale.....	Michigan...	1,203	6	120 30	30 00	150 30
Jeter, F. R. A.....	Indiana.....	Farmer.....	Brookville.....	Indiana....	1,244	6	124 40	30 00	154 40
Jewell, Charles A.....	N. Hamp.....	Lawyer.....	Plymouth.....	N. Hamp...	2,103	6	210 30	30 00	240 30
Johnson, Wm. S.....	Rhode Isl'd.....	Merchant.....	Providence.....	Rhode Isl'd	2,027	6	202 70	30 00	232 70
Johnston, Wm. T.....	Ohio.....	Lawyer.....	Paola.....	Kansas.....	659	6	65 90	30 00	95 90
Jones, Geo. W.....	Indiana.....	Asst. State Supt..	Mound City....	Kansas.....	649	6	64 90	30 00	94 90
Jones, John M.....	Maryland.....	G. Sec., I. O. O. F.	Baltimore.....	Maryland...	1,790	6	179 00	30 00	209 00
Kelsey, S. H.....	Indiana.....	Merchant.....	Atchison.....	Kansas.....	600	6	60 00	30 00	90 00
Kendall, Charles.....	New York.....	Insurance Agent..	Beloit.....	Wisconsin..	976	6	97 60	30 00	127 60
Kenner, J. B.....	Maryland.....	Lawyer.....	Huntington...	Indiana....	1,172	6	117 20	30 00	147 20
Kiger, Jas. S.....	New Jersey.....	Dept. Adj. Gen....	Trenton.....	New Jersey	1,881	6	188 10	30 00	218 10
Kines, James.....	New York.....	Clergyman.....	Sherbrook.....	Quebec.....	1,949	6	194 90	30 00	224 90
Kuykendall, W. L.....	Missouri.....	Lawyer.....	Cheyenne.....	Wyoming...	106	6	10 60	30 00	40 60
Lee, Geo. W.....	Maryland.....	Builder.....	Baltimore.....	Maryland...	1,790	6	179 00	30 00	209 00
Loeb, Jacob.....	Germany.....	Merchant.....	Helena.....	Montana....	1,032	6	103 20	30 00	133 20
Lyman, W. W.....	Penna.....	Viniculturist.....	St. Helena.....	California..	1,437	6	143 70	30 00	173 70
Macdiarmid, Wm.....	Canada.....	Lawyer.....	Lucan.....	Ontario.....	1,401	6	140 10	30 00	170 10
Mack, C. E.....	Wisconsin.....	Lawyer.....	Virginia City..	Nevada.....	1,264	6	126 40	30 00	156 40
Makemson, W. K.....	Illinois.....	Lawyer.....	Georgetown...	Texas.....	1,217	6	121 70	30 00	151 70
Malvern, Lewis.....	England.....	Clergyman.....	Laconia.....	N. Hamp...	2,079	6	207 90	30 00	237 90
McCoy, Wm.....	Ohio.....	Clerk.....	Mt. Pleasant...	Iowa.....	791	6	79 10	30 00	109 10



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McKinney, O S.....	W. Virginia	Printer .....	Grafton .....	W. Virginia	1,556	6	\$155 60	\$30 00	\$185 60
McMurphy, H.....	Delaware...	Merchant .....	Butte City .....	Montana...	944	6	94 40	30 00	124 40
Merrill, Freeman T.....	Maine.....	Police .....	Portland .....	Maine.....	2,131	6	213 10	30 00	243 10
Metschan, Philip.....	Germany...	Merchant .....	Canyon City...	Oregon .....	1,135	6	113 50	30 00	143 50
Miller, Jas. R.....	Ohio .....	Farmer.....	Caseyville .....	Illinois .....	919	6	91 90	30 00	121 90
Minta, Wesley.....	Illinois .....	Lawyer .....	Stockton .....	California..	1,415	6	141 50	30 00	171 50
Moore, Elias B.....	Tennessee.	Secretary of State	Little Rock.....	Arkansas...	1,079	6	107 90	30 00	137 90
Morris, Wm. W.....	New York..	Insurance .....	Louisville .....	Kentucky..	1,174	6	117 40	30 00	147 40
Mucklé, M. Richards.....	Penna.....	Business Manager	Philadelphia...	Penna.....	1,847	6	184 70	30 00	214 70
Newsalt, Jacob.....	Germany...	Insurance Agent..	Owatonna.....	Minnesota..	866	6	86 60	30 00	116 60
Newton, Chas. B.....	Mass .....	Ornament. Painter	Atlantic .....	Mass .....	2,028	6	202 80	30 00	232 80
Noland, H. H.....	Missouri...	Clerk of Court....	Independence..	Missouri ...	649	6	64 90	30 00	94 90
Oliver, Joseph.....	Ontario....	Merchant .....	Toronto .....	Ontario.....	1,515	6	151 50	30 00	181 50
Orendorff, Alfred.....	Illinois.....	Lawyer .....	Springfield .....	Illinois .....	929	6	92 90	30 00	122 90
Ostrander, N.....	New York..	Physician.....	Olympia.....	Wash. Ter..	1,535	6	153 50	30 00	183 50
Paddock, R. E.....	Conn .....	Insurance Agent...	Bridgeport .....	Conn.....	1,978	6	197 80	30 00	227 80
Parker, Lewis.....	New Jersey	Lawyer .....	Trenton .....	New Jersey	1,881	6	188 10	30 00	218 10
Pearce, C. C.....	Florida.....	Farmer .....	Tallahassee .....	Florida .....	1,780	6	178 00	30 00	208 00
Pearce, Wm. E.....	Virginia....	Druggist .....	Richmond .....	Virginia....	1,827	6	182 70	30 00	212 70
Peers, J. V.....	Kentucky..	Harness maker....	Reno.....	Nevada.....	1,212	6	121 20	30 00	151 20
Petty, James T.....	Virginia...	Bookkeeper .....	Washington.....	Dist of Col	1,750	6	175 00	30 00	205 00
Phister, John P.....	Kentucky..	Physician .....	Maysville.....	Kentucky..	1,337	6	133 70	30 00	163 70
Pilsbury, Edward L.....	Maine.....	Merchant .....	Charlestown...	Mass .....	2,023	6	202 30	30 00	232 30
Powers, Jas. K.....	Indiana....	Insurance Agent..	Cedar Rapids...	Iowa.....	820	6	82 00	30 00	112 00
Price, J. A.....	Virginia...	Dentist .....	Weston.....	Missouri ...	672	6	67 20	30 00	97 20

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Randall, Chas. H.	Rhode Isl'd	Editor	Sonora	California	1,511	6	\$151 10	\$30 00	\$181 10
Rea, Francis M.	Penna.	Brass Founder	Germantown	Penna.	1,856	6	185 60	30 00	215 60
Reedy, Hiram	Delaware	Merchant	Dover	Delaware	1,907	6	190 70	30 00	220 70
Reinecke, Wm.	Germany	Lawyer	Louisville	Kentucky	1,174	6	117 40	30 00	147 40
Rice, Francisco	Alabama	Physician	New Market	Alabama	1,278	6	127 80	30 00	157 80
Rice, Harvey J.	Illinois	Accountant	Huron	Dakota	814	6	81 40	30 00	111 40
Richardson, Albert F.	Maine	Teacher	Fryeburgh	Maine	2,180	6	218 00	30 00	248 00
Robbe, Chas. A.	N. Hamp.	Manufacturer	Augusta	Georgia	1,664	6	166 40	30 00	196 40
Robbins, Gilbert F.	Rhode Isl'd	Merchant	Providence	Rhode Isl'd	2,027	6	202 70	30 00	232 70
Rounds, Benj. F.	New York	Real Estate	Benton Harbor	Michigan	1,121	6	112 10	30 00	142 10
Rowe, H. J.	Penna.	Physician	Casselton	Dakota	1,169	6	116 90	30 00	146 90
Ruby, Wm. H.	Maryland	Editor	Towson	Maryland	1,797	6	179 70	30 00	209 70
Ruprecht, Fred.	Germany	Barber	Laramie	Wyoming	164	6	16 40	30 00	46 40
Ryley, Edw. G.	England	Sign Writer	Omaha	Nebraska	551	6	55 10	30 00	85 10
Schroeder, Jos.	Wisconsin	Merchant	Racine	Wisconsin	1,045	6	104 50	30 00	134 50
Semmes, Oliver J.	Virginia	Lawyer	Mobile	Alabama	1,472	6	147 20	30 00	177 20
Sheridan, Joseph B.	Ohio	Merchant	McConnelsville	Ohio	1,395	6	139 50	30 00	169 50
Shields, W. A.	New York	Printer	Mobile	Alabama	1,472	6	147 20	30 00	177 20
Shriver, C.	Penna.	Physician	Bethany	W. Virginia	1,499	6	149 90	30 00	179 90
Silber, Lewis	Poland	Merchant	Milwaukee	Wisconsin	1,058	6	105 80	30 00	135 80
Slack, Alfred	England	Merchant	Allegheny City	Penna.	1,494	6	149 40	30 00	179 40
Slocumb, Junius	N. Carolina	Bookkeeper	Goldsboro	N. Carolina	1,893	6	189 30	30 00	219 30
Smith, D. A.	Kentucky	Merchant	Sarcozie	Missouri	775	6	77 50	30 00	107 50
Stannard, L. H.	Conn.	Iron Foundry	New Haven	Conn.	1,981	6	198 10	30 00	228 10
Stebbins, J. W.	New York	Lawyer	Rochester	New York	1,601	6	160 10	30 00	190 10



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Stevens, Ed. A.....	New York...	Lawyer.....	Minneapolis...	Minnesota...	870	6	\$87 00	\$30 00	\$117 00
Stillson, H. L.....	New York...	Journalist.....	Bennington...	Vermont...	1,876	6	187 60	30 00	217 60
Strouse, Henry J.....	Germany...	Merchant.....	St. Paul.....	Minnesota...	872	6	87 20	30 00	117 20
Tucker, A. H.....	N. Hamp...	Manufacturer....	Pt. Townsend..	Wash. Ter..	1,623	6	162 30	30 00	192 30
Tuttle, Frank A.....	New York...	Mine Broker.....	Rosita.....	Colorado...	203	6	20 30	30 00	50 30
Tweedale, W. C.....	England....	Merchant.....	Albany.....	Oregon.....	1,491	6	149 10	30 00	179 10
Van Deman, John N.....	Ohio.....	Lawyer.....	Wash'gt'n C.H.	Ohio.....	1,295	6	129 50	30 00	159 50
Voegtler, Joseph.....	Germany...	Clerk.....	New Orleans...	Louisiana...	1,444	6	144 40	30 00	174 40
Watson, Thomas C.....	Scotland...	Real Estate.....	Pensacola.....	Florida.....	1,577	6	157 70	30 00	187 70
Watts, Samuel.....	N. Bruns'k.	Col. of Customs...	Woodstock.....	N. Bruns'k.	2,438	6	243 80	30 00	273 80
Welsh, John.....	Ontario....	Jeweler.....	Stratford.....	Ontario....	1,427	6	142 70	30 00	172 70
Wheeler, A. A.....	Missouri...	Physician.....	Miami.....	Missouri...	719	6	71 90	30 00	101 90
Whepley, W. L.....	California..	Merchant.....	Phoenix.....	Arizona.....	990	6	99 00	30 00	129 00
Whitney, Edwin H.....	New York..	G. Sec., I. O. O. F.	Lansing.....	Michigan...	1,245	6	124 50	30 00	154 50
Wilcox, E. K.....	Ohio.....	Lawyer.....	Cleveland.....	Ohio.....	1,364	6	136 40	30 00	166 40
Wildman, John F.....	Indiana....	Editor.....	Muncie.....	Indiana....	1,174	6	117 40	30 00	147 40
Wright, Robert E.....	Penna.....	Lawyer.....	Allentown.....	Penna.....	1,832	6	183 20	30 00	213 20
Young, John P.....	Scotland...	Blacksmith.....	Portage La Prairie...	Manitoba...	1,382	6	138 20	30 00	168 20
					231,908	988	\$23,190 80	\$4,940 00	\$28,130 80

Rep. VAN DEMAN, of Ohio, laid on the table the following proposed amendment to the Constitution :

*Resolved*, That Article IX. of the Constitution of this Sovereign Grand Lodge be amended by striking out the whole of Section 2, and inserting the following:

SECTION 2. Grand Representatives shall be apportioned as follows, viz : To every State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction fifteen hundred or less members in good standing, one Grand Representative; to every State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over fifteen hundred and not more than twenty-five thousand members in good standing, two Grand Representatives; to every State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over twenty-five thousand members in good standing, three Grand Representatives; and no State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have more than three Grand Representatives.

JNO. N. VAN DEMAN, of Ohio.

J. W. STEBBINS, of New York.

E. L. PILSBURY, of Massachusetts.

GEORGE W. DILKS, of New York.

J. B. KENNER, of Indiana.

JAMES R. MILLER, of Illinois.

J. B. SHERIDAN, of Ohio.

ALFRED SLACK, of Pennsylvania.

E. K. WILCOX, of Ohio.

Rep. CLARK, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom were referred the subjects of the condition of the Order, and Warrants issued by the Grand Sire for Fidelity Lodge, No. 10, New Mexico, Veritas Lodge, No. 2, Sweden, and a Warrant for a Grand Lodge in New Mexico, at Las Vegas, have had the same in consideration, and rejoice with the Grand Sire and the fraternity at large at the prosperity of the Order, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the action of the Grand Sire, in granting said Warrants, be approved. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. CLARK,

E. K. WILCOX,

H. L. STILLSON,

CL. T. CAMPBELL,

C. M. BUSBEE,

C. A. ROBBE,

W. W. LYMAN,

S. H. KELSEY,

WM. H. ISZARD.

Rep. HEISLER, of Colorado, moved the following, which was laid on the table :

*Resolved*, That the exemplification of the Secret Work be made the special order for 12 o'clock M., on Saturday, September 24th, 1887.

Rep. STEVENS, of Minnesota, moved the following :

*Resolved*, That a special committee of five be appointed to report proper resolutions relative to courtesies received during, and in connection with, the present session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, Rep. BUSBEE, of North Carolina, to be chairman of said committee.

The question being on the resolution,



Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, moved that the words "Rep. BUSBEE, of North Carolina, to be chairman of said committee," be struck out, which was agreed to, and the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

Rep. CARLETON, of Texas, moved the following, which was laid on the table :

*Resolved*, That this Grand Body adjourn *sine die* on Saturday, September 24th, 1887, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Rep. ELLINGHAM, of West Virginia, moved the following, which was adopted :

WHEREAS, Some of the railroads east of Chicago and St. Louis, in what is known as the Trunk Line Association, are extending certificates for return passage from this Grand Body beyond that designated in the said certificates, and until October 31st,

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary ask the said Trunk Line Association by telegraph to have all certificates on all railroads made the same date returning, namely, October 31st, 1887.

Rep. SHIELDS, of Alabama, moved that the Grand Lodge adjourn, which was agreed to, and the Grand Sire declared the Grand Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

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FRIDAY, September 23d, 1887—9 o'clock A. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled this day, pursuant to adjournment. Present :

OFFICERS.

JOHN H. WHITE.....	Grand Sire.
JOHN C. UNDERWOOD.....	Deputy Grand Sire.
THEO. A. ROSS.....	Grand Secretary.
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD .....	Grand Treasurer.
ALLEN JENCKES.....	Assistant Grand Secretary.
REV. J. W. VENABLE .....	Grand Chaplain.
WM. H. STEVENSON .....	Grand Marshal.
WALTER G. DYE.....	Grand Guardian.
W. H. FRAZIER.....	Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIREs.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON .....	Pennsylvania.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....	New York.
JOHN W. STOKES .....	Pennsylvania.
ERIE J. LEECH.....	Iowa.
HENRY F. GAREY .....	Maryland.

And a quorum of Grand Bodies.

The Deputy Grand Sire and Grand Marshal, by order, examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified.

Prayer by Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, Grand Chaplain.

The Deputy Grand Sire, by direction of the Grand Sire, declared the Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

Rep. JONES, of Maryland, moved that the reading of the Journal of yesterday be dispensed with, which was adopted.

The Chair announced the following:

*Special Committee on Thanks*—Reps. BUSBEE, of North Carolina; GOODWIN, of Georgia; JANES, of Michigan; OSTRANDER, of Washington; WELSH, of Ontario.

The Lodge proceeded to consider the reports of committees as they appear on the Journal.

The first report, page 10,878, from the High Commission, (Clauses XVII. and XVIII.,) postponed on page 10,903, Journal, was considered.

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, moved as a substitute, "that there shall hereafter be no fees charged for commission and non-commission Warrants of Canton officers," which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report, (Clauses XVII. and XVIII.,) it was adopted.

Rep. MACK, of Nevada, moved that the vote adopting the report of the Committee on Legislation, page 10,944, on the resolution of Rep. JOHNSON, of Rhode Island, relative to the use of Lodge funds for entertainments, etc., be reconsidered, which was agreed to, 46 voting in the affirmative and 40 in the negative.

The question being on the report,

Rep. JOHNSON, of Rhode Island, moved to amend as follows: Strike out all after the word "recommend," in the third line from the bottom, and add:

The adoption of the following: *Resolved*, That the subject of allowing Subordinate Lodges and Encampments to pay from their treasury for the entertainment of Grand Officers on their official visits, and the celebration of Lodge anniversaries, be relegated to the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, with power to authorize their Subordinates to make such expenditures as are herein



named, and, for the payment of the same, to draw upon their treasury for an amount not to exceed ten per cent. of their annual dues, and ten per cent. of their annual receipts from investments; *provided, however*, that such expenditures shall not interfere with the payment of benefits and other necessary expenses of said Subordinates.

*Resolved*, That all previous legislation inconsistent herewith, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report, it was adopted.

Rep. VOEGTLE, of Louisiana, moved that the report of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, page 10,990, be considered, which was agreed to.

The question being on the report,

Rep. VOEGTLE submitted certain corrections in the tables, which were agreed to.

The question being on the report as amended,

Rep. FREER, of California, moved to amend by inserting the name of the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Utah, and that he be allowed mileage and per diem, which the committee accepted.

Rep. RANDALL, of California, moved to amend by inserting the name of the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Arizona, and that he be allowed mileage and per diem, which was agreed to.

The question being on the report as amended, it was adopted.

By unanimous consent,

Rep. SEMMES, of Alabama, moved the following, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That during the remainder of the session, speeches on all subjects be limited to five minutes, unless the time be extended by unanimous consent.

The next report, page 10,945, from the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, on the resolution of Rep. MILLER, of Illinois, looking to a conference with the Manchester Unity, to perfect a plan for mutual visitation and relief, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. KENNER, of Indiana, moved the following:

Amend by striking out all after the word "Grand Body," in the first resolution offered by Rep. MILLER, and insert the following: "Their views as to the

practicability and probable benefits to each Order," and that with this amendment of the resolution of Rep. MILLER, the resolution of the committee, found on page 10,945, be adopted.

The question being on the amendment,

Rep. KUYKENDALL, of Wyoming, moved the previous question, which was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of Rep. KENNER?" which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report, it was resolved in the negative.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, approving of several subjects in the report of the Grand Sire, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,946, from the same committee, on the Grand Secretary's report concerning Odd Fellows' Homes, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, referring certain matters in the reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary to the Committee on Petitions, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, indorsing the Grand Sire's report referring to the "Fraternal Press," was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,947, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, on the Grand Officers' correspondence with the jurisdiction of Switzerland, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the correspondence from Peru, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,948, from the Committee on the State of the Order, adversely to the resolution of Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, proposing to change the emblematic colors of the Patriarchal and Golden Rule Degrees, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, moved to amend by striking out all after the resolution, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report, it was adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee,



adversely to the request of the Grand Lodge of Florida, relative to building a Home at Jacksonville, Florida, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Petitions, confirming the warrants issued during the recess, for Encampments in Utah, Arizona, New Mexico and Alberta, Canada, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,949, from the same committee, granting a duplicate Charter to the Grand Encampment of Minnesota, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, granting a duplicate Charter to Covenant Lodge, No. 6, of Idaho, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,950, from the same committee, confirming the warrant issued to Concorde Lodge, No. 1, Havre, France, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Legislation, submitting an amendment to Article XXII., By-Laws, relating to regalia, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Bro. STOKES, P. G. Sire, moved to amend by striking out "and Subordinate."

The question being on the amendment,

Rep. SEMMES, of Alabama, moved to further amend by striking out "members of Grand and Subordinate Bodies, in lieu of the collar, may wear," and inserting in place thereof, "Grand and Subordinate Bodies may authorize their members, in lieu of the collar, to wear."

The question being on the second amendment,

The committee asked and obtained leave to correct by inserting the word "left," preceding "lapel," in second line.

Rep. GIBSON, of Arkansas, moved the previous question, which was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of Rep. SEMMES, of Alabama?" which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment of Bro. STOKES, P. G. Sire, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report, it was not adopted, 59 voting in the affirmative and 60 in the negative.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, proposing several amendments to the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, and to the Constitutions of Subordinates, recommended by the Grand Sire, was considered and adopted, 113 voting in the affirmative and none in the negative, and the By-Laws and Constitutions were declared amended to read as follows :

BY LAWS OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE.

*Article I.*

Upon the petition of five Brothers of the Order, of the Degree of Truth, in good standing, praying for a Charter to institute a Subordinate Lodge in a State, District or Territory where a Grand Lodge has not been established, this Lodge may grant the same. Each Subordinate Lodge receiving a Warrant from the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows shall be instituted by a Past Grand of the Order, regularly deputed therefor by the Grand Sire, who shall deliver to such Lodge the Warrant and charge-books, and shall, at the institution thereof, give all necessary instruction. Such Lodge shall be visited at least once a year by the Grand Sire, or some Past Grand deputized by him for that purpose, or by a D. D. Grand Sire.

*Article II.*

Upon the petition of five Royal Purple members of the Order, in good standing, praying for a Warrant to institute an Encampment in a State, District or Territory where a Grand Encampment has not been established, this Grand Lodge may grant the same. Every Encampment receiving a Warrant from this Grand Lodge shall be instituted by the Grand Sire, or a qualified Patriarch, who shall deliver to such Encampment the Warrant and charge-books, and such instructions as may be necessary. Such Encampment shall be visited at least once a year by the Grand Sire, or by some Patriarch deputized by him for that purpose, or by the D. D. Grand Sire.

CONSTITUTION OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

*Article I.*

SECTION 1. This Lodge shall be constituted by at least five members of the Degree of Truth, and shall be hailed and entitled.....Lodge, No....., I. O. O. F., of....., and shall possess the full powers and privileges of a Subordinate Lodge holding a legal and valid Charter under the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.

*Article VII.*

SECTION 4. No Brother shall be eligible to the chair of the Noble Grand, unless he has served a regular term as Vice Grand; nor shall any Brother be eligible as Vice Grand, unless he has served a regular term in some inferior office, except for the two terms after a Lodge has been instituted, or unless he has been elected to fill a vacancy as hereinafter provided for.

CONSTITUTION OF SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS.

*Article VIII.*

SECTION 1. No Patriarch shall be eligible for Chief Patriarch or High Priest unless he has discharged the duties of some other elective office for at least one



term (unless elected to fill a vacancy, except for the two terms after an Encampment has been instituted or revived); and all officers shall be eligible for re-election, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to an election.

The next report, page 10,951, from the same committee, on the report of the High Commission, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on the Judiciary, approving decisions of the Grand Sire, numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and Decisions Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the supplementary report, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,952, from the same committee, amending and, as amended, approving Decisions 14, 22 and 25 of the Grand Sire, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Special Committee on Dues and Benefits, directing a pamphlet to be issued, etc., was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,953, from the Committee on Legislation, approving the action of the Grand Sire in removing Pocahontas Lodge, No. 2, Indian Territory, etc., was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Constitutions, amending and, as amended, approving the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, declining, on account of informality, to report on the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, was considered and adopted.

Rep. JONES, of Kansas, moved that the vote adopting the report be reconsidered, which was agreed to.

The question being on the report,

Rep. JONES, of Kansas, moved to add the following:

*Resolved*, That as the amendments adopted by the Grand Lodge of Kansas, at its last session, are in harmony with the Constitution and Laws governing this Sovereign Grand Lodge, and said amendments are very important to the jurisdiction of Kansas, that the same be approved by this Grand Lodge.

Pending the consideration of which, the hour named as a special order for determining the place of meeting in 1888, arrived.

Rep. GOODWIN, of Georgia, moved to suspend the special order until after action is had upon the report of the Committee on Finance on General Appropriations, which was agreed to.

Rep. RANDALL, of California, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which, the rule being suspended, was considered and adopted:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Finance has considered the following bills:

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

J. W. Stebbins, four days .....	\$20 00	
W. W. Morris, four days .....	20 00	
J. B. Goodwin, four days .....	20 00	
W. S. Johnson, four days .....	20 00	
J. P. Heisler, four days .....	20 00	
J. N. Van Deman, three days .....	15 00	
W. L. Kuykendall, four days .....	20 00	
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COMMITTEE ON PRINTING SUPPLIES.

John M. Jones, two days .....	\$6 00	
George W. Dilks, two days and mileage .....	22 00	
William H. Iszard, two days and mileage .....	16 00	
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SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE ON DEGREE OF PATRIARCHS MILITANT.

J. H. Albin, necessary expenses .....	\$46 00	
H. P. Cox, necessary expenses .....	10 00	
Charles N. Alexander, necessary expenses .....	10 00	
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SUB-COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

M. R. Mucklé, two days and mileage .....	\$35 00	
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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REMOVAL.

John H. White, four days and mileage .....	\$58 40	
Theo. A. Ross, mileage .....	52 70	
J. W. Stebbins, four days and mileage .....	60 70	
J. T. Hoke, four days and mileage .....	51 20	
H. C. Hedges, eight days, mileage and sundries .....	67 35	
	<hr/>	290 35
Expenses of Grand Sire during the year .....	95 00	
For care of Wildey and Ridgely monuments .....	50 00	
Harrison Soule, care of Secret Work .....	30 00	
Theo. A. Ross, expressage and freight on books, etc., from Columbus to Denver and return .....	200 00	
J. T. Jakes, Assistant Messenger .....	30 00	
E. A. Kelly, Assistant Guardian .....	30 00	
Chas. E. Waldo, Grand Marshal <i>pro tem</i> , two days .....	10 00	
Repairs of Sovereign Grand Lodge furniture .....	200 00	
John Medole, for assisting Grand Secretary .....	30 00	
Grand Canton of Pennsylvania, refunded .....	5 00	
I. A. Sheppard, Grand Treasurer, exchange on Denver and check-book .....	44 25	



G. C. Schueler, D. D. Grand Sire, expenses in Indian Territory.....	\$20 10
L. Bourdonnay, instituting Lodge at Havre, France.....	350 00
T. A. Fenton, Assistant Messenger, eight days.....	40 00
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	\$1,704 70

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized and directed to draw warrants in favor of the persons as set forth in above report, amounting to the sum of \$1,704.70.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. H. RANDALL, W. R. DUNBAR, JAS. R. MILLER,  
JAMES B. BLANKS, M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, GEORGE W. DILKS,  
L. H. STANNARD, O. S. MCKINNEY.

Previous to the adoption of the report, the Grand Sire announced that Bro. JOHN MEDOLE, P. G. M., of New York, had requested him to say that he would decline to receive the amount proposed to be appropriated to him for assisting the Grand Secretary.

The time for determining the place to hold the next session of this Grand Lodge having arrived, Rep. FREER, of California, submitted the following :

HALL OF GOLDEN RULE LODGE, No. 160, I. O. O. F.  
Los Angeles, Cal., August 15th, 1887.

*To the Representatives of the Sovereign Grand Lodge from the State of California :*

The accompanying resolution was presented to Golden Rule Lodge by Past Grand CHAS. E. GAULT, and unanimously adopted, to wit:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Representatives of this jurisdiction to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, to convene at Denver, Colorado, next month, be requested to use their earnest endeavors to have the next session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. held at Los Angeles, California, as it would be for the best interest of the Order in the State of California, and especially of *Southern California*, that a session be held in this place; and as Los Angeles has attained a notoriety now, that attracts people from all parts of the United States, it would be eminently proper that the next session be held in the State of California, and the place of meeting be Los Angeles.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of this Lodge be instructed to forward to the Grand Representatives at once, a memorial embodying the resolution as affixed, and urging their support.

CHAS. E. GAULT, *Past Grand*.

Adopted by Golden Rule Lodge, No. 160, August 15th, 1887.

[SEAL] W. B. SCHLOSSEN, *Recording Secretary*.

Adopted by Los Angeles Lodge, No. 35.

[SEAL] H. M. ALEXANDER, *Recording Secretary pro tem*.

Adopted by Goodwill Lodge, 323.

[SEAL] H. J. SMITH, *Recording Secretary*.

Adopted August 23d, 1887, by East Side Lodge, No 325.

[SEAL.] C. A. NEIL, *Recording Secretary*.

Rep. GOODWIN, of Georgia, moved the following :

*Resolved*, That the invitation to hold the next session of this Sovereign Grand Lodge in the city of Los Angeles, California, be accepted, with the proviso that in case the Grand Sire and special committee of five, to be appointed by him, to consider the expense thereof, shall find that the mileage and per diem will exceed that of the present session, being held in the city of Denver, then and in that event the next session of this Body shall be held in the city of Columbus, Ohio.

The question being on the resolution,

Rep. REINECKE, of Kentucky, raised the point of order that the resolution is in conflict with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

The Chair decided that the point was not well taken.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. GOODWIN, Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, moved to amend by substituting the following :

*Resolved*, That the next session of this Grand Lodge be held in the city of Columbus, Ohio.

The question being on the amendment,

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, called for the yeas and nays, which were not ordered, 19 voting in the affirmative and 94 in the negative.

The question recurring on the amendment, it was not agreed to, 29 voting in the affirmative and 90 in the negative.

The question again recurring on the resolution of Rep. GOODWIN, of Georgia, the yeas and nays were called for, but not ordered.

The question again recurring on the resolution of Rep. GOODWIN, of Georgia, it was not agreed to.

The resolution of Reps. RANDALL, FREER, LYMAN and MINTA, postponed on page 10,922, was considered.

The question being on the resolution,

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, called for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, 40 voting in the affirmative and 71 in the negative, and the yeas and nays appeared as follows :

YEAS.—Reps. Anderson, Blauvelt, Block, Bradshaw, Busbee, Camp, Capen, Carleton, Carlin, Clark, of Wisconsin, Coddington, Comley, Cooper, Cushing, Dean, DeMars, Dodson, Dorsett, Dufour, Ellingham (2 votes), Forney, Freer, Friedheim, Gambell, Gibson, of Nebraska, Gifford, Goodwin, Graham, Guthrie, Hart, Hill, of Massachusetts, Hill, of Rhode Island, Hill, of Virginia, Hirst, Hoge, Holmes, Iszard, Jeter, Jewell, Johnston, Jones, of Kansas, Jones, of Maryland,



Kelsey, Kendall, Kenner Kiger, Lee, Loeb, Lyman, Makemson, McCoy, McMurphy, Merrill, Minta, Morris (2 votes), Newsalt, Newton, Noland, Oliver (2 votes), Ostrander, Paddock, Parker, Pearce, of Florida, Pearce, of Virginia, Petty, Phister, Pilsbury, Powers, Price, Randall, Rea, Reedy, Reinecke, Rice, of Alabama, Rice, of Dakota, Robbe, Robbins, Rowe, Ruby, Schroeder, Semmes, Shields, Shriver, Silber, Slocumb, Stannard, Tuttle, Tweedale, Voegtle, Watson, Wheeler, Whepley, Wildman, Wright, Young—98.

NAYS—Reps. Aydelott, Barry, Blanks, Brainard, Campbell, Celley, Cobb, Cornwell, Cotton, Crane, Crichlow, Deubert, Dilks, Dunbar, Dutemple, Edwards, Ellis, Gibson, of Arkansas, Gibson of Texas, Greenfield, Hedges, Hedrick, Heisler, Heitman, Henry, Higgins, Hill, of New Hampshire, Janes, Kuykendall, Macdiarmid, Mack, Malvern, Miller, Moore, Orendorff, Peers, Rounds, Ruprecht, Sheridan, Slack (2 votes), Smith, Stebbins, Stillson, Tucker, Van Deman, Watts, Whitney, Wilcox—49.

The resolution that the next session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge be held in the city of Los Angeles, California, was declared adopted.

Rep. CARLIN, of Illinois, moved the following:

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Sovereign Grand Lodge that the mileage for the next session shall not exceed eight cents per mile one way, for the shortest traveled route.

The question being on the resolution,

Rep. VAN DEMAN, of Ohio, moved to amend by substituting the following:

WHEREAS, This Grand Lodge has resolved to hold its next annual session in the city of Los Angeles, California; and

WHEREAS, The usual mileage paid to members would make the expense of that session very great; also

WHEREAS, This Grand Lodge is assured that low excursion rates will be secured to said place from principal points East; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that the mileage allowed to members of the next Grand Lodge should be very much less than the rate usually fixed and paid.

The question being on the amendment,

Rep. CLARK, of Wisconsin, raised the point of order that, as no new business can be entertained during the remainder of the session without unanimous consent, the resolution and amendment cannot be entertained.

The Chair decided the point of order well taken, and ruled the resolution and amendment out of order.

Rep. DILKS, of New York, moved the following, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, be excused from further attendance on this Grand Lodge after to-day.

Rep. ELLINGHAM, of West Virginia, moved the following, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That Rep. SHRIVER, of West Virginia, be excused from further attendance on this session of this Grand Lodge, on account of important business requiring his return home.

Rep. GIBSON, of Arkansas, moved that Rep. FRIEDHEIM, of Arkansas, be excused from further attendance at this session, which was agreed to.

Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, moved that Rep. WILCOX, of Ohio, be excused from further attendance at this session, which was agreed to.

Rep. McMURPHY, of Montana, from the Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented, ask leave to submit the following as their report :

That all Grand Jurisdictions subordinate to this Sovereign Grand Lodge are represented at this session except the following, to wit: The Grand Lodge of Switzerland, the Grand Lodge of Chile, the Grand Lodge of Denmark, the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and the Grand Encampment of South Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,

H. McMURPHY,	WM. ELLINGHAM,	D. A. SMITH,
CHAS. KENDALL,	JAMES KINES,	J. H. CRICHTON,
GEO. GREENFIELD,	FRED RUPRECHT,	J. NEWSALT.

Rep. BUSBEE, of North Carolina, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Bro. STOKES, Past Grand Sire, in relation to the participation of Lodges, Encampments and Cantons in funeral services conducted in whole or in part by other benevolent associations, beg leave to report that while, in the opinion of your committee, funeral services in which Lodges, Encampments and Cantons participate should be under their control and management, as set out in the resolution, yet your committee are of opinion that the control of such matters should be exclusively under the regulation of Subordinate Grand Bodies, and that it is needless for this Grand Lodge to make any declaration in the premises.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. BUSBEE,	E. K. WILCOX,	WM. H. ISZARD,
C. A. ROBBE,	W. W. LYMAN,	CL. T. CAMPBELL,
H. L. STILLSON,	JOHN G. CLARK,	S. H. KELSEY.



Rep. CLARK, of Wisconsin, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire's report as relates to insurance organizations, to wit:

"Complaints have been repeatedly made to me in reference to organizations which are springing up all over the country, denominated Odd Fellows' Benevolent Associations, many of which, it is alleged, are not conducted on a sound basis, and some of which, it is alleged, use fraudulent means to obtain business. A number of these companies have failed to meet their obligations, and it is said are bringing discredit upon the Order. I call your attention to this subject, that measures may be adopted to correct the evils complained of.

"On re-examining the subject of Odd Fellows' Benefit Associations, I have become satisfied that very little attention is paid by the various State and Colonial Grand Lodges to the organization of these Bodies. Individual Odd Fellows organize and are allowed to run and do business by these Grand Bodies without let or hindrance, or question in any manner. Where they are not authorized by the Grand Bodies within whose borders they are located, they are in direct violation of the law of this Grand Lodge. (Digest Section 402.) An action has been commenced against one of these companies, located in Cincinnati, by the policy-holders, and a recovery had on the ground, as reported in the papers, that the 'benefits under the policy were cut off by conditions,' and they recovered back the money they had paid for premiums. The title of this institution was 'The Odd Fellows' National Benefit Association,' and Odd Fellows were engaged in it. If the statement be correct, nothing can be devised which will tend more strongly to bring discredit on our Order than this kind of swindling. It is not only an outrage upon the Order, but an especial disgrace to the members who knowingly engage in it."

Also, the correspondence of the Grand Sire on that subject, and the following from Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, to wit:

"A proposition looking to the inspection, examination and regulation of the various endowment and benefit associations authorized by the law found in Sections 404, 405 and 406, Digest." And also, a bill prepared, "establishing a department of insurance within the Order, with full power to investigate and report the condition of all such associations."

Your committee have, as far as possible, with the limited time at their command, considered said subjects, and respectfully report:

That under the law, as it now exists, Subordinate Grand Jurisdictions have the power to regulate and manage endowment associations; but that your committee have reason to believe that many of the Subordinate Grand Jurisdictions have not exercised any supervisory control in such associations, and that many have been created under the name of this Order without the authority of any Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, and if not corruptly, at least not on sound business principles, and are likely to bring great disgrace upon the Order.

Your committee realize that there should be exercised over said associations a supervisory control by some higher authority; but your committee cannot, at this session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, make the necessary investigation into the business methods and financial condition of such associations, and, consequently, cannot prepare a system of rules and regulations for their inspection and management that would, with reasonable certainty, protect those who may insure therein, and also protect the good name of the fraternity.

In consideration of the importance of the question and the necessity of some action thereon, your committee respectfully submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Sire appoint a committee of five, with instructions

to investigate this matter, without expense to this Grand Body, and report the facts at the next session of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, and also a system of rules and regulations for the inquiring into the condition, business methods and management of such associations, if the same can be safely done in the opinion of said committee.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. CLARK,	C. M. BUSBEE,	C. A. ROBBE,
E. K. WILCOX,	W. W. LYMAN,	S. H. KELSEY,
CL. T. CAMPBELL,	WM. H. ISZARD,	H. L. STILLSON.

Rep. KELSEY, of Kansas, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the following resolution presented by Reps. ISZARD and KIGER, by instruction of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, viz.:

*"Resolved,* That the Annual Traveling Pass Word issued by the Grand Sire be accepted, in connection with a personal examination, as a proof of membership in the Order, so that a member sojourning or traveling outside of his own jurisdiction, may visit any Lodge or Encampment wherever he may be, without a Visiting Card, as required under existing law,"

Beg leave to report that we find that this Grand Lodge has already, at this session, disposed of the subject-matter of this question adversely, by their action on a report from the Legislative Committee, on a more conservative proposition than the above. We therefore deem it unnecessary to further consider the subject at this time, although believing that there should be a change in a modified form.

We ask to be discharged from further consideration of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. KELSEY,	C. M. BUSBEE,	JOHN G. CLARK,
CL. T. CAMPBELL,	E. K. WILCOX,	W. W. LYMAN,
C. A. ROBBE,	H. L. STILLSON.	

Rep. RANDALL, of California, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. ELLIS, of Illinois, to wit: "That a complete set of the Journals of this Grand Lodge be donated to the Chicago Odd Fellows' Association, of Cook county, Illinois," have considered the same, and deeming it inexpedient to make a general donation of our Journals, which may lead to applications from various local associations, and adding largely to the expenses of this Body, ask the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. H. RANDALL,	W. R. DUNBAR,	GEORGE W. DILKS,
L. H. STANNARD,	M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,	O. S. MCKINNEY,
JAMES R. MILLER,	JAMES B. BLANKS.	



Rep. DILKS, of New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill of D. D. Grand Sire of the Indian Territory, G. C. SCHUELER, for traveling and other expenses attending the discharge of his official duties since the first of January, 1887, amounting to \$31.35, has been carefully considered, and as there are several items in said bill for services, as lost time, amounting to \$11.25, which amount your committee feel should be deducted from said bill, in accordance with the action and general custom of this Grand Lodge in such cases and for such services, we therefore offer the following, and move its adoption:

*Resolved*, That the sum of \$20.10 be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the expenses incurred by D. D. Grand Sire G. C. SCHUELER, in performing his official duties as such D. D. Grand Sire since January 1st, 1887.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. DILKS, CHAS. H. RANDALL, O. S. MCKINNEY,  
JAMES R. MILLER, M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, JAMES B. BLANKS,  
L. H. STANNARD.

Rep. STROUSE, of Minnesota, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of Adelpia Lodge, No. 8, I. O. O. F., of Clarksburg, West Virginia, asking the Sovereign Grand Lodge to donate them a full set of bound Journals, to replace a set destroyed by fire, having considered the subject, would recommend the following for adoption:

*Resolved*, That the request be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. STROUSE, J. T. HEDRICK, C. D. COBB,  
J. G. AYDELOTT, FRANCIS M. REA, C. D. ANDERSON,  
C. SHRIVER, WM. H. RUBY, WM. R. DUTEMPLE.

Rep. STROUSE, of Minnesota, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom were referred the returns of the institution of Hijos del Trabajo Lodge, No. 7, Havana, Cuba; Regla Lodge, No. 6, Regla, Cuba; Fidelity Lodge, No. 10, Gallup, New Mexico; The Percha Lodge, No. 9, Kingston, New Mexico, respectfully report that they have examined the papers in the several cases, and found them to be correct and in proper form. The Lodges named have been duly instituted and the committee therefore recommend that the action of the Grand Officers in the premises be approved, and the Charters for said Lodges be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. STROUSE, J. G. AYDELOTT, WM. H. BUBY,  
J. T. HEDRICK, FRANCIS M. REA, C. D. ANDERSON,  
C. SHRIVER, WM. R. DUTEMPLE, C. D. COBB.

Rep. REA, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of Atoka Lodge, No. 5, Indian Territory, for permission to remove from Atoka to Lehigh, in the same Territory, respectfully report that they have given due consideration to the petition for removal and the protest against the same, and find that the Lodge has 54 members, 25 of whom desire to continue the location of the Lodge at Atoka, and your committee are of the opinion that whilst so large a number of the members desire to retain the present location, the request to remove should not be granted.

Your committee would, in conclusion, recommend that the removal of Pocahontas Lodge, No. 2, Indian Territory, from Savanna to Lehigh, in the same Territory, be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

• FRANCIS M. REA,	J. T. HEDRICK,	C. D. COBB,
C. D. ANDERSON,	WM. R. DUTEMPLE,	WM. H. RUBY,
H. J. STROUSE,	J. G. AYDELOTT,	C. SHRIVER.

Rep. AYDELOTT, of Tennessee, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition for the institution of Veritas Lodge, No. 2, Trelleborg, Sweden, the Warrant, books, etc., for which have been forwarded to the D. D. Grand Sire of that jurisdiction, (see Grand Secretary's Report, page 10,796,) recommend that the action of our Grand Officers be approved and the Charter be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. AYDELOTT,	C. SHRIVER,	C. D. COBB,
FRANCIS M. REA,	J. T. HEDRICK,	H. J. STROUSE,
C. D. ANDERSON,	W. H. RUBY,	WM. R. DUTEMPLE.

Rep. SHRIVER, of West Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of F. H. DARBY, of Morrow, Ohio, asking permission to publish and sell a tract on Odd Fellowship, respectfully report that they deem it inexpedient to grant the request, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

C. SHRIVER,	WM. R. DUTEMPLE,	FRANCIS M. REA,
C. D. ANDERSON,	W. H. RUBY,	J. T. HEDRICK,
H. J. STROUSE,	JAS. G. AYDELOTT,	C. D. COBB.

Rep. WATTS, of the Lower Provinces, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :



*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred a resolution of Bro. SANDERS, Past Grand Sire, beg to report that in the opinion of your committee it is not expedient to legislate on the subject as asked for, and submit for your approval the following:

*Resolved*, That your committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

SAM. WATTS,	E. H. WHITNEY,	MILTON HIGGINS,
C. H. DORSETT,	JOHN P. PHISTER,	J. B. KENNER,
LEWIS SILBER,	EDWIN HIRST,	JAMES S. KIGER.

Rep. PHISTER, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred the following memorial of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, to wit:

"That we memorialize the Sovereign Grand Lodge to enact such laws as will enable a lady member of a Lodge of the Degree of Rebekah who, while holding such membership, marries one who is not a member of the Order, upon a change of her residence, to have a right to receive a Withdrawal Card from her Lodge and apply for membership in a Lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah at her new place of residence, and, if found worthy, to be admitted to membership, or to become a Charter member of a Lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah,"

Beg to report that we have had the same under consideration, and submit the following resolution for your favorable consideration:

*Resolved*, That a lady member of a Rebekah Degree Lodge, being in good standing, has the right to ask for and receive a Withdrawal Card, and the right to deposit the same for re-admission to the Order under the same rules and regulations as govern that subject in Subordinate Lodges.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN P. PHISTER,	SAM. WATTS,	C. H. DORSETT,
LEWIS SILBER,	E. H. WHITNEY,	J. B. KENNER,
JAMES S. KIGER,	MILTON HIGGINS,	EDWIN HIRST.

Rep. HILL, of Rhode Island, laid on the table the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge:

*Resolved*, That Section 2, Article IX., of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended by striking out, in the fourth line, after the word "Representative," the words (fifth line) "State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment (sixth line), having under its jurisdiction over one thousand members in good (seventh line) standing, two Grand Representatives; and no State, District or (eighth line) Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have over (ninth line) two Grand Representatives," so that the article will read as follows:

ARTICLE IX, SECTION 2. Grand Representatives shall be apportioned as follows, viz.: To every State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction one thousand or less members in good standing, one Grand Representative; and no State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have over one Grand Representative.

LESTER S HILL, of Rhode Island.  
A. CUSHING, of the Lower Provinces.  
F. DEMARS, of South Carolina.

Rep. AYDELOTT, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of Bro. T. B. ROBINSON, filed or dated August 10th, 1887, and understanding the scope of matter for our investigation to embrace the petition of Bro. ROBINSON, as appears of record in Journal, 10,372-10,377, 1886, and the report of the Grand Lodge of California, made under the direction of this Grand Lodge, as appears on page 10,512, Journal, 1886. This petition of Bro. ROBINSON and action of this Sovereign Grand Lodge is correctly copied in and forms part of the report of the Grand Lodge of California.

The controversy or controversies between Bro. ROBINSON and Templar Lodge have been before this Sovereign Grand Lodge, in one phase or another, for the past eight years, and the importance of the matter to petitioner, to Templar Lodge, and the tax it has been upon the patience and time of this Grand Lodge demand a speedy determination.

The counsel for Bro. ROBINSON and the Grand Representative from California appeared before your committee, and were given a patient hearing and all the time they required.

The very short time your committee have had the exhibits presented by the counsel of Bro. ROBINSON, and their great length, preclude a full examination. These being the exhibits referred to in Bro. ROBINSON's last (1887) petition.

But from the records of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the printed petition of Bro. ROBINSON, and the printed report of the Grand Lodge of California to this Grand Lodge, we find :

That Bro. ROBINSON was expelled from Templar Lodge in July, 1879, and appealed, which finally reached this Body, and was returned for further action of Templar Lodge. Templar Lodge, after trial, again expelled him. Upon appeal, this Grand Lodge directed his re-instatement. (This at the session of 1882.)

Bro. ROBINSON was re-instated May, 1883.

Bro. ROBINSON received sick benefits the week he was expelled, July, 1879.

Upon re-instatement, Templar Lodge demanded payment of dues accruing during the four years he stood expelled. This, Bro. ROBINSON declined to pay, but finally paid the same, amounting to \$66, under protest.

Bro. ROBINSON made application for sick benefits accruing during the time he stood expelled, that is, from July 2d, 1879, to June 20th, 1883.

And also, has made application for benefits from June 20th, 1883, to July 25th, 1883.

Bro. ROBINSON, after asking for an earnest consideration and for relief, in general terms, in his petition submits the following :

"I would also kindly ask for a decision or expression on the following questions :

"*First.* Had Templar Lodge the right, under the law of the Grand Lodge of California, above referred to, and under the circumstances of the case, the right to compel me to pay the \$66 dues, etc., accruing while I was under illegal expulsion from said Lodge? If not, cannot you order that the amount so paid by me shall be returned to me by Templar Lodge, as its return would be a great relief to me in my present distressed condition?

"*Second.* Has the present committee of Templar Lodge, now having my case in charge, the right to prolong the investigation indefinitely by refusing to transact business unless all its members are present, or is a majority sufficient for the purpose?

"*Third.* Has the Grand Master of a jurisdiction the right to incumber a 'statement of facts' with irrelevant matter, and, in case of a dispute as to



what is proper, who is to decide the question? Can he make the 'statement' so burdensome as to prevent the appellant from printing it, on account of the expense and the trouble it may cause to those who have to read or consider the same? In case an appellant is too poor to be able to pay for printing a 'statement of facts,' has he any redress, and if so, what?

"*Fourth.* Did the Sovereign Grand Lodge, by its action on the report of the Committee on Petitions, upon the appeal of Past Grand Representative DAN- NALS and others, intend to deprive a member of a Subordinate Lodge of the right to be represented by counsel, and fully sustain Templar Lodge and its committee in their action above referred to?"

These questions should rather have been referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, as they ask for a construction of law. But recognizing the fact that this session is rapidly growing to a close, and that this matter should be disposed of, this committee will endeavor to place the matter before the Grand Lodge as intelligently as we may.

As to Question First:

The local laws of California provide: "When a Brother has been illegally expelled and is afterwards restored by action of the Grand Lodge, he is not liable to pay any dues or any other charges made against him on the books of his Lodge during the time that he was thus cut off from connection with the Order."

We therefore answer: the Lodge was not authorized to demand the payment of dues accruing against Bro. ROBINSON, and the same being paid under protest by him.

As to Question Second:

The local laws in force in 1882 regulating trials for penal offenses and for investigating claims are almost the same, and the counsel of Bro. ROBINSON "admits the same to be identical." Sections 1454-5-6, Digest of California, say: "The Trial Committee must be composed of the full number required by law, and all must be present and hear all the witnesses and testimony." These sections antedate the entire ROBINSON matters. The Grand Lodge of California, on matters arising from the ROBINSON case, decided that a full committee was required in the investigation of disputed application for benefits. This has the more lately (in 1887) been incorporated by the Grand Lodge of California into the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges.

Therefore, under the local laws of California, a full committee is required to be present. This matter is of great importance to the Order at large, and we find no specific law emanating from the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and it is a question of such character and moment that it should have received the consideration of the Committee on the State of the Order.

As to Question Third:

Section 1373, Digest of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, 1882, requires the Subordinate Grand Lodge "to settle definitely all questions of fact." Section 1376, 1882, states: "If such Grand Body fail to settle such questions of fact, or the Executive Officer or Grand Secretary shall neglect or refuse to certify them as required by law, such neglect or failure shall be deemed sufficient reason to reverse the decision of such Grand Body, unless satisfactory reason shall be given." The appellant is required to pay expenses of printing, unless local law otherwise provides.

As to Question Fourth:

We cannot believe or construe the action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge to mean to deprive a member of a Subordinate Lodge of the right of counsel.

Your committee would respectfully show that the construction of the law or laws of California requiring a full committee to hear the testimony, etc., has evidently worked a hardship upon Bro. ROBINSON, and with such a law in force, a Lodge should select members of a committee who can and will act promptly, and thus secure Odd Fellows a speedy hearing and determination of their rights. It is clear that four years is an unreasonable and long time for an investigating



committee or committees to drag its weary way in the investigation of a question of sick benefits from a Brother claiming to be sick and in need and distress; therefore,

WHEREAS, Bro. ROBINSON is entitled to a speedy conclusion of the investigations arising from his claim for benefits from July 20th, 1879, to June 20th, 1883, and from June 20th, 1883, to July 25th, 1883, and it appears that Templar Lodge and its committee have at least been slow in the discharge of their duties; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of California, and during the *interim* the Grand Master of California, be, and is hereby instructed to direct Templar Lodge, No. 17, to cause its committee of investigation in matters of Bro. T. B. ROBINSON to close said investigation and make report and final disposition thereof within thirty days from the adjournment of this Sovereign Grand Lodge; and Bro. ROBINSON is entitled to counsel before the investigation committee or committees and before the Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. G. AYDELOTT,

FRANCIS M. REA,

H. J. STROUSE,

WM. H. RUBY,

J. T. HEDRICK,

WM. R. DUTEMPLE.

C. D. ANDERSON,

C. SHRIVER,

Rep. MILLER, of Illinois, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill of Special Deputy Grand Sire L. BOURDONNAY, of New York city, of \$1,000, for the institution of Concorde Lodge, No. 1, of Havre, France, have had the same under consideration, and would beg leave to report as follows :

We find, from correspondence between Grand Secretary Ross and Bro. BOURDONNAY, that the Brother was commissioned by the Grand Sire to institute said Lodge, but with the following letter of instructions, which was sent the Brother by Grand Secretary Ross :

"Baltimore, Md., February 3d, 1887.

"*L. Bourdonnay, 139 Bleecker Street, New York :*

"DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—I duly received your letter, and having heard from the Grand Sire, I have sent to you by express the Charter and books for Concorde Lodge, No. 1, Havre, France, per inclosed invoice, and hand you herewith commission authorizing you to institute the Lodge.

"The Grand Sire requests me to call your attention to Article VI., By-Laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge (page 348, Digest), and say that he does not feel authorized to take the step you suggest.

"He says, though, that he may conclude to recommend the Sovereign Grand Lodge to appropriate some money on account of the institution, but he will not *now* promise to do so. It seems to me that the Grand Master of New York might *recommend* the Subordinate Lodges in the city to contribute a small amount towards paying the expenses of sending a Deputy to Havre. Of course the action would be voluntary on the part of the Lodges, and the circular would not be considered 'official.' I hope the Lodge will prove a success, and that in due time other Lodges will be organized in France.

"Hoping to hear from you frequently,

"Yours fraternally,

"THEO. A. ROSS, *Grand Secretary.*"

In view of the above correspondence, and the fact that your committee feel that this bill is excessively large, we therefore recommend that the sum of three



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hundred and fifty dollars (\$350) be ordered paid to Bro. BOURDONNAY for his services in instituting Concorde Lodge, No. 1, of Havre, France.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES R. MILLER, M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, CHAS. H. RANDALL,  
JAMES B. BLANKS, GEORGE W. DILKS, L. H. STANNARD,  
O. S. MCKINNEY.

Rep. RANDALL, of California, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on Finance submit the following estimates for receipts and expenditures of the Sovereign Grand Lodge for the year ending August 20th, 1888:

## ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

From Representative tax.....	\$12,000 00
Sale of Cards, Dismissal and Rebekah Certificates.....	14,000 00
Sale of Odes.....	1,200 00
Sale of Books.....	10,000 00
Charter Fees.....	150 00
Amounts due from Subordinates and Individuals.....	1,599 64
Sale of Diplomas.....	500 00
Dues from Subordinates.....	1,000 00
Interest on U. S. Bonds .....	2,498 50
Total.....	<u>\$42,948 14</u>

## ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES.

Mileage and per diem of Officers and Representatives .....	\$28,130 80
Daily Journal.....	1,200 00
Revised Journal.....	4,000 00
Odes, Cards and Diplomas.....	2,000 00
Officers' Reports.....	400 00
Salary of Grand Secretary.....	2,500 00
Salary of Assistant Grand Secretary.....	1,500 00
Salary of Grand Treasurer .....	500 00
Salary of Janitor.....	800 00
Books and Charts .....	5,000 00
Fuel, etc., for Grand Secretary's office .....	400 00
Incidentals.....	1,000 00
Postage on Officers' Reports and Daily Journal.....	400 00

## AMOUNTS DRAWN IN EXCESS OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1886.

Care of Wildey Monument one year .....	\$50 00
J. B. Harris, D. D. Grand Sire, Indian Ter., expenses....	10 00
Safe Deposit Co., rent of box and insurance of bonds.....	59 15
Expenses of removal of office to Columbus, Ohio.....	696 37
Insurance on furniture, books, etc., in Columbus.....	147 00
Freight on books, etc., to Denver, Colorado .....	69 00

Total .....	<u>1,031 52</u>
Expenses, Committee on Appeals.....	135 00
Expenses, Committee on Printing Supplies.....	44 00
Expenses, Supervisory Committee on Degree of Patriarchs Militant,	66 00

Expenses, Sub-Committee on Finance.....	\$35 00
Expenses, Special Committee on Removal.....	290 35
Incidental expenses, J. H. White, Grand Sire.....	95 00
For care of Wildey and Ridgely Monuments.....	50 00
Theo. A. Ross, expressage and freight on books, etc., from Columbus to Denver and return.....	200 00
Repairs to furniture of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.....	200 00
I. A. Sheppard, Grand Treasurer, exchange on Denver and check-book.....	44 25
G. C. Schueler, D. D. Grand Sire, Indian Territory, expenses.....	20 10
L. Bourdonnay, instituting Lodge at Havre, France.....	350 00
Grand Canton of Pennsylvania, refunded.....	5 00
Harrison Soule, care of Secret Work.....	30 00
J. T. Jakes, Assistant Messenger.....	30 00
T. A. Fenton, Assistant Messenger.....	40 00
John Medole, assisting Grand Secretary.....	30 00
E. A. Kelly, Assistant Guardian.....	30 00
Chas. E. Waldo, Grand Marshal <i>pro tem.</i> , two days.....	10 00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$50,567 02</b>

*Resolved*, That the sum of fifty thousand five hundred and sixty-seven dollars and two cents, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for the payment of the annual expenses of the Sovereign Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, in the manner and to the extent and for the purposes heretofore set out and expressed, and the Grand Secretary is authorized to draw his warrants on the Grand Treasurer therefor, at such times and in such amounts as may be required, to pay all such properly approved bills of accounts as may be presented; *provided, however*, the Grand Secretary shall only draw his warrants for, and the Grand Treasurer only pay the respective sums specified as appropriated for the several items above designated.

*Resolved*, That whenever moneys belonging to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, shall exceed the sum of twenty thousand dollars, such excess shall be invested by the Grand Treasurer in United States bonds, said bonds to be registered by the United States Government and deposited with a safe deposit company in the name of, or to the credit of this Sovereign Grand Lodge; and the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire and Grand Secretary are hereby authorized, whenever it may become necessary, to transfer or sell said securities to meet the wants of the treasury, upon proper representations made by the Grand Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. H. RANDALL, W. R. DUNBAR, GEO. W. DILKS,  
L. H. STANNARD, M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, O. S. MCKINNEY,  
JAMES R. MILLER, JAMES B. BLANKS.

Rep. CAPEN, of Maine, from the Committee on Legislation, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on Legislation have considered the resolutions offered by Rep. STEVENS, of Minnesota, page 10,890, Journal, and recommend their adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. CAPEN, H. C. HEDGES, L. GRAHAM,  
FRED CARLETON, E. D. HOGE, B. F. ROUNDS,  
WALTER E. CARLIN, C. C. PEARCE.



The Chair submitted the following:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

An impromptu committee have arranged a drive about the city for the ladies of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, leaving the Windsor and Albany Hotels at 3 o'clock. The arrangements include their attendance upon the organ recital. Members are requested to inform the ladies.

Mr. WALTER E. HALL, organist of St. John's Cathedral, presents his compliments to the members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and invites their attendance upon a complimentary organ recital, at the church, this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

The up-bound Wilton street cars may be taken upon Sixteenth street, and will deliver at the church door. Fraternally yours,

J. P. HEISLER, *Grand Representative.*

Rep. ORENDORFF, of Illinois, moved that the invitations be accepted with the thanks of the Grand Lodge, which was agreed to.

Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, moved that the Grand Lodge adjourn until 3 o'clock P. M., which was adopted.

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3 o'clock P. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present: The Grand Officers and a quorum of Grand Bodies.

The consideration of the question pending at the time the Lodge proceeded to the special order, to determine the place for holding the next session, viz., the resolution of Rep. JONES, of Kansas, submitted as an amendment to the report of the Committee on Constitutions, page 10,953, declining to report on the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, was resumed.

The question being on the amendment, it was not adopted.

The question recurring on the report of the Committee on Constitutions, page 10,953, declining to report on the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, it was adopted.

The consideration of reports of committees, as they appear on the Journal, was resumed.

The first report, page 10,954, from the Committee on Constitutions, amending and, as amended, approving the By-Laws of Hijos del Trabajo Lodge, No. 7, Cuba, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,955, from the same committee, approving the By-Laws of Albuquerque Lodge, No. 1, New Mexico, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,956, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, on the correspondence of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary with the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, relating to the Order in Mexico, was considered and adopted.

The resolutions (6, 7, 8, 9, 10) on page 10,958, postponed at the session of 1886 to the present session, were considered.

The question being on the adoption of the resolutions,

Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, moved that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed, which was agreed to.

The next report, page 10,963, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, on the report of the Grand Secretary, page 10,795, relating to the condition of the Degree of Rebekah, and suggesting that the Grand Secretary call on the Grand Secretaries of the delinquent jurisdictions for immediate reports, etc., was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,964, from the same committee, approving Decisions 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of the Grand Sire, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Legislation, authorizing the Grand Sire to appoint one or more insurance experts, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. RANDALL, of California, moved that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed, which was agreed to, 50 voting in the affirmative and 44 in the negative.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Petitions, adversely to the petition of Cyclone Lodge, No. 3, Indian Territory, for privilege of removing their Lodge, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,965, from the same committee, adversely to the petition for a Grand Encampment in Utah, was considered.



The question being on the report,

Rep. HOGE, of Utah, moved to amend the resolution by striking out the words "for the present not," which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report, it was adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, granting the petition of Pushmataha Encampment, No. 2, Indian Territory, to remove from Atoka to Lehigh, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,966, from the same committee, authorizing the removal of Fraternidad Universal Lodge, No. 2, and America Lodge, No. 5, Cuba, to the city of Havana, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, confirming the action of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary in issuing Warrants for Independence Degree Lodge, No. 2, Daughters of Rebekah, McAlister, Indian Territory, and Naomi Degree Lodge, No. 1, Daughters of Rebekah, Las Vegas, New Mexico, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Correspondence, relating to the Manchester Unity, and authorizing the Grand Sire to appoint a committee to perfect a plan for visitation, etc., was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. MACK, of Nevada, moved that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed, which was agreed to.

The next report, page 10,967, from the Committee on Finance, authorizing the Grand Secretary to furnish, free of cost, the bound Journals, and, at cost, the Digest, to Representatives who have not already received them, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Returns, on the annual reports of Subordinate Encampments under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,968, from the Committee on the State of the Order, approving the action of the Grand Sire, as stated in his report, on the "Removal of Headquarters," and the action of the Special Committee on the subject, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. POWERS, of Iowa, moved to strike out in the third line the word "permanent," in connection with the "location," which was agreed to.

The question being on the report as amended, it was adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, on the Order in France, thanking Bro. L. BOURDONNAY, Special Deputy Grand Sire, for his efforts in the cause, etc., was considered and adopted.

By unanimous consent,

Reps. FREER, MINTA, LYMAN and RANDALL, of California, moved the following, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the Grand Sire be authorized to act for the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and to receive for said Sovereign Grand Lodge such sums of money from the committee to be hereafter selected by the jurisdiction of this Order in the State of California, as will be donated for the purpose of defraying any extraordinary expense which may attach by reason of the next meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at Los Angeles, in California.

The consideration of reports was resumed.

The first report, page 10,969, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, on the reports of the Grand Sire and the Grand Secretary, relating to the Order in Denmark, and approving the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Denmark, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,970, from the same committee, on the Order in Chile, expressing gratification on the prospects for the future in the jurisdiction, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the report of the Grand Secretary, relating to the Order in Sweden, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,971, from the same committee, on the Order in the Sandwich Islands, commending the liberality of Excelsior Lodge in providing for its widows and orphans, etc., was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the Order in the Netherlands, approving the action of the Grand Sire in authorizing Paradise Lodge to apply for aid for its widows and orphans, was considered and adopted.



The next report, page 10,972, from the Special Committee on Endowment, on the memorial of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, directing the Grand Secretary to forward to each Grand Jurisdiction a question as to whether an Endowment department, under the Sovereign Grand Lodge, is favored, etc., was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. CARLETON, of Texas, moved the previous question, which was not ordered.

The question recurring on the report,

Rep. REINECKE, of Kentucky, moved that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed, which was not agreed to, 51 voting in the affirmative and 62 in the negative.

The question again recurring on the report, it was not adopted, 55 voting in the affirmative and 58 in the negative.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the report of the Grand Secretary, on the subject of Endowment, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, amending and, as amended, approving the resolution of Rep. CLARK, of Wisconsin, on the evidence of membership in organizations not authorized by the Order, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,973, from the Committee on Legislation, providing for a Brother obtaining membership in another Lodge before withdrawing from his Lodge, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. VAN DEMAN, of Ohio, moved to amend as follows: At the end of "card," in last line of second paragraph of resolution, add the words "or a dismissal certificate," and also insert after the word "card," in the next paragraph of resolution, "or certificate," which was agreed to.

The question being on the report as amended, it was adopted.

The next report, page 10,981, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, adversely to the resolution of Rep. CLARK,

of Wisconsin, on the subject of a sign for members of the Degree of Rebekah, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,982, from the same committee, adversely to the resolution of the Grand Lodge of New York, asking for a new form of installation for officers of Rebekah Degree Lodges, and authorizing the appointment of deputies from among the lady Past Grands, etc., was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, submitting a form of funeral ceremony for a Daughter of Rebekah, prepared by Mrs. Louise B. Hall, Evansville, Indiana, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. REINECKE, of Kentucky, moved to amend as follows:

1. Strike out the words "tossed and torn by the rude and stormy winds of life," and insert the word "which" in lieu thereof.

2. Strike out the words "all will join in singing the following hymn," and the hymn itself, and insert "here an appropriate hymn may be sung."

3. Strike out the words "response by the Lodge," so as to attach the benediction to the Chaplain's part.

The question being on the amendments,

Rep. VAN DEMAN, of Ohio, called for a division of the question, and the question being on the first amendment, it was adopted.

The question being on the second amendment, it was adopted.

The question being on the third amendment, it was adopted.

The question recurring on the three amendments, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the report, it was adopted.

The next report, page 10,985, from the same committee, adversely to the resolution submitted by Reps. SMITH and WHEELER, of Missouri, for a Past Official Degree for Past Noble Grands of the Degree of Rebekah, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Legislation, adversely to the memorial of the Grand Lodge of



Arkansas, on the subject of a "Home for Aged and Indigent Odd Fellows," was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,986, from the same committee, approving the resolution of Rep. KIGER, of New Jersey, as amended by the committee, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. KIGER, of New Jersey, moved to amend by striking from the second line all after the word "same," and striking out of the resolution all after the words "Odd Fellows," in the third line, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report, it was adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, adversely to the resolution of Rep. LOEB, of Montana, asking a change in the law found in Section 293a, Digest, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, approving the resolution of Rep. MAKEMSON, of Texas, authorizing Subordinates to use their Widows' and Orphans' Fund in defraying the legitimate expenses of their widows and orphans in an asylum or home, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,987, from the Committee on Petitions, denying permission to CHARLES WOLFORD to print a funeral ode, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on the State of the Order, adversely to the resolution of Rep. EDWARDS, of North Carolina, allowing the Grand Sire a Private Secretary, but appropriating compensation for clerical assistance to the Grand Sire, was considered and adopted, 69 voting in the affirmative and 47 in the negative.

The next report, page 10,988, from the Committee on the Judiciary, declaring it illegal to use Lodge funds to pay beneficial assessments on the members, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, on the resolution of Rep. KENDALL, of Wisconsin, declaring it inexpedient to adopt a charm or jewel for Royal Purple Degree members, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee,

authorizing the appointment of a committee to prepare new odes, with music, for Subordinate Encampments, and report to the Grand Sire for approval, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. MILLER, of Illinois, moved that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed, which was agreed to.

The next report, page 10,989, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, adversely to the resolutions of Rep. DUTEMPLE, of Rhode Island, restricting the conferring of the Rebekah Degree to Rebekah Degree Lodges exclusively, etc., was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, adversely to the resolution of Rep. CLARK, of Wisconsin, delegating to Grand Lodges the power to restrict the conferring of the Rebekah Degree to Rebekah Degree Lodges, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Legislation, adversely to the resolutions of Rep. MILLER, of Illinois, allowing a Brother to be tried in a Lodge nearest his residence, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 10,990, from the same committee, amending and, as amended, approving the resolutions of Reps. HEISLER and TUTTLE, of Colorado, requiring Brothers to assist in visiting the sick wherever they may be sojourning, etc., was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. OLIVER, of Ontario, moved that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report,

Rep. KINES, of Quebec, asked for a division of the question.

Rep. CARLETON, of Texas, moved the previous question, which was ordered, and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the first resolution?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The question being on the second resolution, it was adopted, and the report was declared adopted.



The next report, page 10,998, from the Committee on the State of the Order, approving the action of the Grand Sire in granting Warrants for Lodge No. 10, New Mexico, and Lodge No. 2, Sweden, was considered and adopted.

Rep. CARLETON, of Texas, moved that the resolution, page 10,999, as follows: "That this Grand Body adjourn *sine die* on Saturday, September 24th, at 11 o'clock A. M.," be taken from the table, which was agreed to.

The question being on the resolution, it was adopted, 62 voting in the affirmative and 41 in the negative.

Rep. HIGGINS, of Maine, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom were referred the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Dakota, as the same appear at page 10,838 of the Journal, most respectfully report:

That they have considered the same, and find that said Grand Lodge is not authorized to exclude the use of the Rebekah Degree Ritual from the Subordinate Lodges within its jurisdiction; but, on the contrary, said Ritual is and must remain in the possession of every Subordinate Lodge, in order that the elective officers can be fully qualified for installation, as is required by Section 930, Digest of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

We offer the following resolution for your approval:

*Resolved*, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. WHITNEY,  
EDWIN HIRST,

LEWIS SILBER,  
J. B. KENNER,

SAM. WATTS,  
JOHN P. PHISTER.

Rep. MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the accounts of the Lieutenant-General for the fiscal year ending August 31st, 1887, report having examined the same. They find that the Military Council, consisting of Bros. ALBIN, CUSHMAN and MONTGOMERY, met in the city of Boston on September 8th, when the accounts were examined by them, and the items compared with the vouchers, which accompany the detailed report, as submitted by the Lieutenant-General, from which it appears that the receipts were as follows:

RECEIPTS.

For Warrants.....	\$1,820 00
For Engrossing.....	96 40
For Commissions and N. C. Warrants .....	5,699 35
For Seals. ....	397 00

For Tactics .....	\$615 20
For Supplies.....	1,096 45
For Sundries.....	287 93
Balance from September, 1886 .....	226 80
Total .....	<u>\$10,239 13</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

For Visitations.....	\$699 90
For Salaries .....	4,471 85
For Half amount of Warrant Fees paid Sovereign Grand Lodge.....	910 00
For Printing.....	700 00
For Supplies.....	1,593 55
For Postage .....	262 54
For Sundries.....	1,252 09
	<u>9,889 93</u>
Balance Cash in hands of Lieutenant-General.....	349 20
Total .....	<u>\$10,239 13</u>

## ASSETS.

Balance Cash in hand.....	\$349 20
Supplies on hand and for sale.....	1,034 10
Supplies for Office use.....	288 50
Jewels and Badges .....	1,000 00
Office Furniture.....	552 95
Due for Commissions and N. C. Warrants issued and collectible...	944 00
Supplies ordered and delivered, viz., Stationery, Tactics, Books...	190 80
Total .....	<u>\$4,359 55</u>

## LIABILITIES.

Due the Pettibone Manufacturing Co., for 600 Tactics, payable only when sold.....	\$300 00
Due Messrs. Duhme & Co., for Jewels.....	95 00
Due Messrs. Strobridge & Co., for Commissions and for Stationery, etc .....	139 00
Due Messrs. Cohen & Co., on Printing and Supply Account, under the contract, payable only when the Supplies are sold, and the several amounts collected.....	1,624 62
Together .....	<u>2,158 62</u>
Excess of assets over liabilities .....	<u>2,200 93</u>
Total .....	<u>\$4,359 55</u>

The net profit from Patriarchs Militant sources was \$904.97; add to this the stock of Rituals, Tactics, etc., on hand, estimated at cost price at \$402.90, thereby exhibiting a total profit of \$1,307.87.

Respectfully submitted,

M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, GEORGE W. DILKS, W. K. MAKEMSON,  
JAMES B. BLANKS, CHAS. H. RANDALL, JAS. R. MILLER,  
L. H. STANNARD, W. R. DUNBAR, O. S. MCKINNEY.

Rep. HEDGES, of Ohio, moved the following, which was adopted:



*Resolved*, That the rooms in the Temple at Columbus, Ohio, now owned by this Grand Lodge, shall, during the recess, be in the care of the Grand Secretary, and the use of the large room thereof said Secretary is authorized to give to the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Ohio, and to the Grand Encampment, I. O. O. F., of Ohio, for the purpose of holding their annual sessions therein; and he is also authorized to permit the several Lodges and Encampments in Columbus, Ohio, to use said room for extraordinary meetings of those Bodies.

Rep. MACK, of Nevada, moved that the Grand Lodge go into secret session now, which was agreed to.

After some time passed in secret session the ordinary business session was resumed.

Rep. WHITNEY, of Michigan, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge be, and he is hereby, instructed to cause the ceremony for the burial of a Sister of the Degree of Rebekah to be printed and sold, as other supplies are sold, to the Grand Lodges.

Rep. POWERS, of Iowa, moved that the Grand Lodge now adjourn, which was agreed to, and the Grand Sire declared the Grand Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

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SATURDAY, September 24th, 1887—9 o'clock A. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled this day, pursuant to adjournment. Present:

OFFICERS.

JOHN H. WHITE.....	Grand Sire.
JOHN C. UNDERWOOD.....	Deputy Grand Sire.
THEO. A. ROSS.....	Grand Secretary.
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD.....	Grand Treasurer.
ALLEN JENCKES.....	Assistant Grand Secretary.
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....	Grand Chaplain.
WM. H. STEVENSON.....	Grand Marshal.
WALTER G. DYE.....	Grand Guardian.
W. H. FRAZIER.....	Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....	Pennsylvania.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....	New York.
JOHN W. STOKES.....	Pennsylvania.
ERIE J. LEECH.....	Iowa.
HENRY F. GAREY.....	Maryland.

And a quorum of Grand Bodies.

The Deputy Grand Sire and Grand Marshal, by order, examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified.

Prayer by Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, Grand Chaplain.

The Deputy Grand Sire, by direction of the Grand Sire, declared the Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

Bro. LEECH, P. G. Sire, moved that the reading of the Journal of yesterday be dispensed with, which was adopted.

The Grand Sire presented the following telegram, which was ordered to be entered on the Journal :

Brattleboro, Vermont, September 22d, 1887.

JOHN H. WHITE, *Grand Sire, Denver, Colorado :*

JOSIAH MARVIN, Past Grand Representative, of Minnesota, died September 19th, and was buried by Wantastiquet Lodge.

H. M. CURRIER.

Bro. LEECH, P. G. Sire, by unanimous consent, moved the following, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the rule requiring reports of committees to lie on the table one day be suspended during the remainder of the session.

Rep. MACDIARMID, of Ontario, moved that the secret session ordered for 9 o'clock A. M. this day, be dispensed with, to enable the Lodge to consider the report of the Committee on Petitions, page 11,016, on the petition of Bro. T. B. ROBINSON, of California, which was not agreed to.

Rep. STEVENS, of Minnesota, moved the following, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the matter of reduced railway rates from the several jurisdictions to California and return, during our next annual communication, be remitted to the Brethren of California, with the request that the Grand Officers and Grand Representatives be notified as to the same, at the earliest practicable time ; if possible, at least sixty days before the date of said communication.

The Lodge was then declared in secret session.

After some time passed in secret session, the ordinary business session was resumed.

Rep. VOEGTLE, of Louisiana, by unanimous consent, moved the following, which were adopted :

*Resolved*, That the resolution on page 10,203, Journal of 1885, be amended so as to read as follows :



*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to send to each Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge a blank form, to be filled in by him, with his name in full, his place of nativity, profession, place of residence or post-office, the nearest route of travel to the place of meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, together with number of miles to be traveled; the said Representative to return the statement to the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, who shall place the same completed form in the hands of the chairman of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, one month previous to the meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

The Lodge proceeded to consider the reports of committees as they appear on the Journal.

The first report, page 11,010, from the Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented, naming four Grand Lodges and one Grand Encampment not present by Representatives, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on the State of the Order, adversely to the resolution of Bro. STOKES, P. G. Sire, relative to Lodges, Encampments and Cantons participating in funeral services, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,011, from the same committee, relative to Odd Fellows' Benevolent and Insurance Associations, authorizing the appointment of a committee of five to investigate the management, etc., of Insurance Associations, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. REINECKE, of Kentucky, moved that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed, which was not agreed to, 42 voting in the affirmative and 61 in the negative.

The question recurring on the report, it was adopted.

The next report, page 11,012, from the same committee, adversely to the resolutions of Reps. ISZARD and KIGER, of New Jersey, that the Traveling Pass Word without a Visiting Card may be used, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Finance, adversely to donating a set of Journals to the Chicago Odd Fellows' Association, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,013, from the same committee, appropriating \$20.10 to G. C. SCHUELER, D. D. Grand Sire, of the Indian Territory, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Petitions, donating a set of Journals to Adelpia Lodge, No. 8, of Clarksburgh, West Virginia, was considered and adopted.

Rep. GIBSON, of Texas, moved that the vote by which the report was adopted be reconsidered, which was agreed to.

The question being on the report,

Rep. GIBSON, of Texas, moved that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed, which was agreed to.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, confirming the action of the Grand Officers in issuing Charters to Lodges Nos. 6 and 7, Cuba, and Nos. 9 and 10, New Mexico, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,014, from the same committee, authorizing the removal of Pocahontas Lodge, No. 2, Indian Territory, from Savanna to Lehigh, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, confirming the action of the Grand Officers in issuing a Warrant for the institution of Veritas Lodge, No. 2, Trelleborg, Sweden, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, adversely to the petition of F. H. DARBY, of Morrow, Ohio, for permission to publish and sell a tract on Odd Fellowship, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,015, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, adversely to the resolution of Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the memorial of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, authorizing a lady member of a Rebekah Degree Lodge to receive and deposit a Withdrawal Card, under the same rules and regulations as govern that subject in Subordinate Lodges, was considered and adopted.

By unanimous consent,

Rep. BUSBEE moved that the resolution providing for adjournment of the Grand Lodge *sine die*, at 11 o'clock A. M. to-day, be rescinded, which was agreed to.

The consideration of reports of committees was resumed.

The next report, page 11,016, from the Committee on Peti-



tions, on the petition of T. B. ROBINSON, instructing the Grand Lodge of California to require Templar Lodge, No. 17, to close the case against T. B. ROBINSON, and make report within thirty days from the adjournment of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, etc., was considered.

The question being on the report,

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved to amend by striking from the resolution the words "thirty days from the adjournment of this Sovereign Grand Lodge," and inserting "ninety days from the receipt of official notice of this action from the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge," which was accepted by the committee, and the report was adopted.

The next report, page 11,018, from the Committee on Finance, reciting the instructions to Bro. L. BOURDONNAY, Special Deputy Grand Sire to France, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, moved that the subject be laid on the table, which was agreed to.

The next report, page 11,019, from the same committee, on the estimated receipts and expenditures for the year ending August 20th, 1888, was considered.

The question being on the report,

Rep. RANDALL, of California, chairman of the committee, moved to amend by inserting the following among the items of expenditures:

For printing and binding Vol. XII., Journal, with steel plate of Past Grand Sire Garey.....	\$700 00
Thomas Monahan, Janitor of Chamber of Commerce.....	10 00

Which was agreed to, and the report as amended was adopted.

The next report, page 11,020, from the Committee on Legislation, approving the resolutions offered by Rep. STEVENS, of Minnesota, page 10,890, relating to the Patriarchs Militant organization, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 11,029, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, adversely to the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Dakota, requesting authority to dispense with the use of Rebekah Degree Books in Subordinate Lodges, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Finance, on the accounts of the Lieutenant-General for the fiscal year ending August 31st, 1887, submitting a statement of the receipts, expenditures, etc., was considered and adopted.

Rep. BUSBEE, of North Carolina, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was considered and adopted :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Reps. DEUBERT and CORNWELL, of New York, found on page 10,926, Journal, together with the proceedings of the Grand Encampment of New York, duly certified, found on page 10,850, have considered the same, and beg leave to report:

That they have examined the original petitions for the institution of the Cantons named in the said proceedings, and find that the certificate of the Grand Patriarch of the jurisdiction accompanied the petitions for formation of the Cantons at Utica and Seneca Falls, as well as at Yonkers, and that many Cantons theretofore established within the same jurisdiction, were instituted under like certificates. But, waiving the error in the statement of facts in regard to the organization of the said Cantons at Utica and Seneca Falls, and waiving, also, any irregularity in the method of presenting the question involved for the decision of this Grand Lodge, your committee would report that in their opinion the certificate of the Grand Patriarch was sufficient to warrant the institution of said Cantons, and other Cantons before then organized, even although there might have been a Board of Grand Officers in existence. The method of application for warrants for Cantons, as set forth in the legislation of the session of 1885, found on page 10,119 of the Revised Journal, is qualified by the provision found on page 10,129, and constituting part of the same legislation, which provides that "until the various staff departments are properly arranged and got into working order and have time to prepare suitable military blanks, any form of application or report setting forth plainly the purposes of the signers will be recognized." Considering the entire legislation on this subject as appears in the Revised Journal, pages 10,111 to 10,129, and particularly the portions thereof above referred to, your committee are of the opinion that the Lieutenant-General committed no error in giving Warrants for the institution of said Cantons. the provisional period of the institution and existence of Cantons not yet having terminated. Your committee are of opinion that during this provisional period the regulations for the establishment of Cantons should be liberally construed, and the growth and development of this branch of the Order should not be hindered by any strained construction of the laws under which they are formed. Your committee recommend that the resolutions introduced by Reps. DEUBERT and CORNWELL be not adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. BUSBEE,	WM. H. ISZARD,	E. K. WILCOX,
C. T. CAMPBELL,	H. L. STILLSON,	S. H. KELSEY,
C. A. ROBBE,	W. W. LYMAN,	JOHN G. CLARK.

Rep. McKINNEY, of West Virginia, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was considered and adopted :



*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution of Reps. WHITNEY and KENNER, authorizing the Committee on Printing Supplies to print the funeral ceremony for a Daughter of Rebekah and furnish the same to Grand Lodges, as other supplies, have considered the same, and respectfully recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

O. S. MCKINNEY, M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, L. H. STANNARD,  
JAS. R. MILLER, C. H. RANDALL, JAMES B. BLANKS,  
GEORGE W. DILKS, W. K. MAKEMSON, W. R. DUNBAR.

Rep. HOLMES, of Iowa, from the Special Committee on creating a Juvenile Order of Odd Fellows, made the following report, which was considered:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Special Committee appointed to take into consideration the advisability of creating an organization to be known as the "Juvenile Order of Odd Fellows," or by some other suitable designation, beg leave to report that we deem it very desirable that something be done to conserve to Odd Fellowship the boys and young men not yet of sufficient age to enter our Order, and we know of no better plan than the one suggested, viz., the creation of such organization. We therefore present and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, at this session, to prepare a Ritual, Constitution, By-Laws and necessary forms for such organization, and report the same at the next regular session of this Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. HOLMES, J. KINES, A. H. TUCKER  
D. P. CELLEY, PHIL. METSCHAN.

The question being on the report,

Rep. VAN DEMAN, of Ohio, moved that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed, which was agreed to.

Rep. PETTY, of the District of Columbia, from the Special Committee on Deaths, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the report of the Grand Sire which relates to "Deaths," respectfully report:

We deem it wise and fitting that we should pause amid the business of our session, and turn our thoughts away from the excitements of the hour to the contemplation of the solemn truth that we are mortal, that earth is not our abiding place, but that we are "sojourners, as all our fathers were," and that as death has come to others, so will it surely come to us. Year after year, as we gather in these annual sessions, we miss the familiar faces and forms of those who were wont to greet us with the hand of friendship and with words of kindly welcome; and our hearts grow sad within us as we are told that they have crossed the great river from whose farther shore no voyager ever returns—the River of Death. In the shadow of such a sorrow we sit to-day, for since our last communication the ruthless destroyer has been busy in our midst, and

many who once wrought with us in this field of Odd Fellowship, have ceased from their labors and lie with folded arms in the dreamless slumber of the tomb.

First named among them is WILLIAM W. MOORE, of the District of Columbia, Past Grand Sire, who was "gathered to his fathers" full of years and honors. Although his busy and eventful life was lengthened much beyond the usual limit, to a period when men naturally seek repose and rest, he never seemed to weary in the work of human benefaction, but was alert and active in every department of Odd Fellowship until the infirmities of age compelled him to yield to younger hands, but not more zealous hearts, the duties which for more than half a century he had performed with a fidelity beyond all praise. Faithful and true in all the relations of life, we may write, without challenge, upon his tomb, in the broad sunlight of heaven, that grandest of all tributes—

"Here Lies an Honest Man."

Next upon the illustrious roll comes the name of that veteran Odd Fellow, WILSON SMALL, of New York, whose sound judgment, ripe experience and active efforts in our Order will be sadly missed by his Brethren of the Empire State.

Tennessee next claims our sympathy, in the loss of ROBERT THOMPSON, who was eminent as a citizen and as an Odd Fellow. From his initiation to his death he was enthusiastic in his devotion to the principles of our fraternity, and his memory will ever be green in the hearts of his Brethren.

Wisconsin mourns the departure of two of her distinguished sons, JAMES V. JONES and DAVID McDONALD. Brother JONES was a typical Odd Fellow, foremost in every good word and work. He was mayor of Oshkosh, at the time of the Chicago conflagration, in 1871, and hurried forward the first car-load of provisions that reached the Relief Committee of that fire-smitten city. His sympathy for the distressed knew no bounds, and his death is deplored by the community in which he lived, not less than by the Order of which he was so bright an ornament. Brother McDONALD was one of the pioneers of Odd Fellowship in the Badger State, and was also a member of the now famous band who met at Baltimore in the session of 1865. He possessed the confidence and friendship of his Brethren in the fullest measure, and his death is felt by them as a personal loss.

Illinois has not escaped, for one of her favorite sons, JOHN G. ROGERS, was laid low by the hand of the Great Reaper, who respects no age nor condition in life, but gathers all into his grim harvest. Brother ROGERS was eminent, not only as an Odd Fellow, but as a jurist, filling, as he did for eighteen years, the position of circuit judge of Cook county, receiving the rare compliment of being elected to office by the united suffrages of political friends and opponents. He lived a blameless life and died lamented by all who knew him.

New Hampshire, like Wisconsin, has been doubly bereaved, having lost two of the brightest stars in her galaxy, IRA DOE and MARVIN T. TOTTINGHAM. These Brethren sought, in every honorable way, to serve their day and generation, and their memories will long be fondly cherished wherever they were known.

New Jersey adds to the mournful list the name of JOHN W. ORR. He was active and earnest in his devotion to Odd Fellowship, and was identified with several publications, having for their aim the diffusion of the principles which underlie our great fraternity. He was widely known and warmly esteemed in the circles of Odd Fellowship, and among his fellow-citizens outside the Order.

The great State of Kansas closes this sad list of departed veterans with the name of LEVI EMPIE, who was one of the earliest and most untiring in efforts to plant the standard of Odd Fellowship in the great West. He was a man of clear convictions and sound judgment, upon whom his associates were accustomed to rely for advice and counsel.

It would have been a grateful task to your committee to have set forth at length the virtues of these Brethren, who were shining lights in the firmament.



of Odd Fellowship, but forbear extended mention, as it is understood that the Representatives of the respective jurisdictions in which they died will pay fitting tributes to their memories.

We offer the following:

*Resolved*, That the sympathies of this Grand Body are hereby tendered to the families of the departed Representatives, whose loss we so deeply lament.

*Resolved*, That this memorial be entered upon our Journal, and that suitable mourning tablets, in honor of the Brethren named herein, be printed in the Revised Journal of the present session.

Respectfully submitted,

J. THOMAS PETTY,

J. NEWSALT,

CHAS. KENDALL,

N. OSTRANDER.

O. A. JANES,

Rep. BUSBEE, of North Carolina, from the Special Committee to Report Resolutions of Thanks, made the following report, which was considered :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Special Committee, appointed to draft resolutions of thanks for courtesies extended to this Sovereign Grand Lodge during its present session, respectfully recommend the adoption of the following :

WHEREAS, It is eminently proper that this Sovereign Grand Lodge should make fitting acknowledgment of its sincere appreciation of the manifold courtesies and open-handed hospitality of which its officers and members have been the recipients while sojourning in the midst of the Odd Fellows of Colorado, and while en route to Denver, and should also acknowledge the many other courtesies and kindnesses incidental to the session ; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the cordial and heartfelt thanks of the Sovereign Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered, to the Odd Fellows and citizens of the city of Denver, and the State of Colorado, for their constant and zealous hospitality, extended to the officers and members of this Grand Body and the ladies accompanying them ; and especially to C. D. COBB, chairman of the Executive Committee of Arrangements ; and to J. M. NORMAN, chairman of the Committee on the Entertainment of the Ladies ; A. E. GIPSON, chairman of the General Committee of Arrangements ; A. W. HOGLE, chairman of the Committee on Hotels ; W. J. FAY, chairman of the Committee on Reception, and to the individual members of said committees, one and all, for their assiduous attention and kindness, illustrating so plainly the well-known hospitality of their city and State, and aiding in making the session of 1887 a memorable one in the history of the Order.

To the Odd Fellows of Kansas and Missouri, for the many kindnesses and profuse hospitality extended by them while we were passing through their respective jurisdictions, and particularly to the Lodges at St. Louis, Kansas City, Topeka, Hutchinson and Garden City, and to the committees who had in charge the entertainment of this Grand Body.

To the Brethren of Los Angeles, California, for their handsome donation of fruit, and to Pike's Peak Lodge, Colorado Springs, for the entertainment provided by them for the ladies.

To His Excellency, HON. ALVA ADAMS, Governor of Colorado ; His Honor, WM. SCOTT LEE, Mayor of Denver ; Hon. E. M. ASHLEY, President of the Board of Trade ; to DAVID RINGLE, Grand Master, and J. M. NORMAN, Grand Secretary, of Colorado, for their words of hearty welcome ; and your committee recommend that their addresses, together with the response of the Grand Sire, be printed in the Revised Journal.

To the Board of Trade of the city of Denver, for the use of their hall, in which the session of this Grand Body has been held.



To the Knights Templar of the city of Denver, our allies and co-workers in the cause of humanity, for their fraternal welcome and courteous hospitality.

To the Press of the city of Denver, for the interest manifested in our session, and for their enterprise in giving full reports of all matters connected therewith, and the grand parade on the twenty-second inst.

To Lieutenant-General and Deputy Grand Sire JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, and to Grand Representative J. WARD ELLIS, chairman of the Special Committee, for their labor and attention in the matter of securing rates of transportation for the members of the Grand Body, and to the various railroads throughout the country for their reduction of fare.

To the Cantons and Chevaliers of Patriarchs Militant, for their attendance and drill, which added so greatly to the enjoyment of the session, and to the Subordinate Lodges participating in the parade of Thursday.

To the Degree Team of Topeka, whose excellent rendering of the work is to be especially commended.

*Resolved, further,* That the Grand Secretary is hereby directed to transmit complete sets of the Revised Journal, suitably bound, to the State Library of Colorado, the City Library of Denver, and the Board of Trade of the city of Denver.

*Resolved, further,* That copies of these resolutions be furnished by the Grand Secretary to the several parties above mentioned.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. BUSBEE,  
N. OSTRANDER,

OSCAR A. JANES, JOHN B. GOODWIN,  
JOHN WELSH.

Rep. KENNER, of Indiana, moved that the report be adopted by a rising vote, which was agreed to, and the report was unanimously adopted.

In accordance with the resolution, page 10,897, Journal,

Rep. HIRST, of Delaware, submitted the following :

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—It is with diffidence that I undertake the sad duty of announcing to you the fact that death has laid unerring claim on some whose names appear on the Journal as members of this Grand Body.

Two of Delaware's pioneer Odd Fellows—men whose active works in the vineyard of Odd Fellowship were performed during the lifetime of a generation which, like themselves, has passed away—men who were actuated by the missionary spirit which was so characteristic of their co-laborers in the good cause—WILDEY and RIDGELY—have been summoned, let us hope, to occupy places in the Grand Lodge above.

Like two characters of old, "they were pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not (long) divided."

The names of those to whom I refer are GIDEON F. TINDALL, Past Grand Representative, and ROBERT B. McDONNELL, Past Grand Master, Past Grand Patriarch and Past Grand Representative.

Bro. GIDEON F. TINDALL was born at Stanton, New Castle county, Delaware, on the 1st of September, 1812.

When he was initiated into the Order by Jefferson Lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F., of Wilmington, Delaware, it is impossible now to ascertain, as the first minute-book of said Lodge is known to have been destroyed many years ago.

A similar difficulty exists in regard to the date of his admission into Delaware Encampment, No. 1, also of the same city and State, as the first minute-book cannot be found.

It is evident, however, that he was initiated in Jefferson Lodge, No. 2, very soon after attaining his majority, for we find that he was admitted to the Grand



Lodge of Delaware on the 5th of February, 1834, from Jefferson Lodge, No. 2, and when that Lodge suspended operations, he deposited his card (obtained from the Grand Lodge) in Mechanics' Lodge, No. 4, of Wilmington, on January 14th, 1838, and from that Lodge was accredited to the Grand Lodge of Delaware, on March 13th, 1839.

On the Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States we find his name as the accredited Representative of the Grand Lodge of Delaware to the session of the Grand Lodge of the United States which should have been, but (for want of a quorum) was not held at Baltimore, on the 7th of October, 1839.

Bro. TINDALL, from a very early age, was a subject of strong religious convictions, as we find by the church records that he was one of thirteen members who withdrew from the First Baptist Church of Wilmington, Del., who all became constituent members of the Second Baptist Church of the same city, and which was constituted on the 17th of August, 1835.

Bro. TINDALL removed from Wilmington, Del., to Cleveland, Ohio, in 1840, from which time we know but little, except what is contained in a letter written and published by Bro. G. F. MARSHALL, Past Grand Master, of Cleveland, Ohio, in the *Companion* for June, 1886, and from which the following is quoted:

"While we were preparing to pay a becoming respect to the memory of those Brothers of Cleveland Lodge who had recently departed this life, word came that one of the most prominent members of the Order among us in the early days of its existence, had passed away; a Brother who has been so familiar among the old and younger members of the Lodge, that we regarded him as one of our own family.

"Bro. GIDEON F. TINDALL died in the city of St. Joseph, Mo., on the 12th of May, and his remains, at his own frequently expressed desire, received the last sad rites of the Order, and were placed in the family vault, in the Woodland cemetery, where the members of his entire family had long since preceded him.

"Bro. TINDALL was an extremely mild-mannered, sociable, confiding and intelligent companion; he had no other specially-marked features of character, differing from the commonality of people. His good words of counsel and advice, in Lodge and out of it, to younger members, were always freely given, in a true and old-time Christian method, like as a father would to a son who was needing mature advice upon going out into the world.

"His name, in Northern Ohio, is synonymous with Odd Fellowship; in fact, he may well be registered as the father of the Order in the Western Reserve. We shall ever hold his memory in grateful esteem, and be thankful that these links in our fraternity were so firmly welded by so faithful, good and persistent a workman as Bro. GIDEON F. TINDALL."

Bro. ROBERT B. McDONNELL, Past Grand Master, Past Grand Patriarch and Past Grand Representative, was born in Manchester, England, September 23d, 1804, and, while yet a boy, was brought to the United States by his parents, who, at first, settled in Massachusetts, but, some time afterwards, he removed to Wilmington, Delaware, and made that place his permanent home, where he resided for about sixty years, until the time of his death, which event occurred on the 1st day of July, 1887. Like one entering the region of natural sleep, he passed away peacefully and quietly, without a struggle.

Bro. McDONNELL was admitted to the Order on the 17th of May, 1831, by initiation in Delaware Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., of Wilmington, Delaware, and, after passing through the subordinate offices, was elected Noble Grand on January 21st, 1833.

After his admission to the Grand Lodge of Delaware, he was elected Grand Master thereof on the 14th of May, 1834, less than three years after his initiation into the Order. He was the second Grand Master of the State, in the order of seniority.

He became a member, by deposit of card, in Mechanics' Lodge, No. 4, of Wilmington, Delaware, on the 15th of June, 1839, and was a member of the same Lodge until the time of his death.



The date of Bro. McDONNELL's admission into Delaware Encampment, No. 1, or of his passing the official chairs therein, cannot be definitely ascertained, because the first minute-book of the Encampment cannot be found; but this much is known—he was one of the first nineteen members of the Subordinate Encampment. He was a Charter member of the Grand Encampment of Delaware, at the institution of which, on August 12th, 1843, he was elected Grand High Priest, and in 1849 he was elected Grand Patriarch. Thus, by a singular coincidence, he was the second, in seniority, Grand Patriarch and Grand Master of the I. O. O. F. of Delaware. He represented the Grand Lodge of Delaware in the Grand Lodge of the United States in the years 1842–3. There are now only two members of this Grand Body who were present at those sessions, namely, JOHN W. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, Past Grand Sire, and THOMAS SHERLOCK, of Ohio, Past Grand Sire, and but one of these, Bro. STOKES, Past Grand Sire, is present at this session.

Although Bro. McDONNELL was not identified with any denominational Christian church, he maintained a strictly moral character. He was modest in demeanor, mild in disposition, unassuming in manner, a persistent champion of the temperance cause, and an advocate of reforms generally. So much was he opposed to the use of spirituous liquors for any purpose, either as beverage or medicine, that he declined to have a trace of them administered to him on the orders of his physician, even after he had become so weak physically that he could not take nourishment in any but liquid form.

Rep. DUFOUR, of the District of Columbia, submitted the following :

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—When in the course of Providence a good man is summoned to the great beyond, however humble and prescribed his sphere, like a pebble dropped in a stream and seen no more, yet from the place of its disappearance circles will radiate and expand to the uttermost shore, and their gentle influence be felt wherever they touch. But when one to whom many eyes have turned, on whom many hearts have securely rested, and to whom many souls have reached forth for consolation, strength and counsel, drops into the great sea of eternity, passes beyond the portals of earth life, the circles radiating therefrom may be ages ere they reach their limit or cease to be felt on the shores of time.

Since the last session of this august Body, a venerable and brilliant oracle of Old Fellowship, WILLIAM WALKER MOORE, Past Grand Sire, full of years and honors, has passed away. The sad event occurred on the 23d of December, 1886, at his home in the city of Washington, D. C., and in the eighty-fourth year of his age, where, for over half a century, the lines of his useful activity during his long life were so varied as almost to preclude special mention of each.

Past Grand Sire MOORE was born January 28th, 1803, on the banks of the Manokin river, twenty miles from Princess Anne, Somerset county, on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. The family moved to Baltimore in 1807, where his father became extensively engaged as a contractor and builder. When but sixteen years of age, Bro. MOORE was indentured to the printers' business with General BENJAMIN EADES, editor and proprietor of the *Baltimore Republican*. General EADES, shortly afterwards, sold out the paper and removed with his job office to another locality in the city, Bro. MOORE remaining with him until his majority. He displayed such aptness for the business that General EADES, before he was free, placed him in charge of the establishment and gave him a seat at the family table, a distinctive mark of favor not enjoyed by the other apprentices.

Past Grand Sire MOORE was married in Baltimore, Md., June 13th, 1825, to LUCINDA ANN DEPASS, who died at Washington city August 15th, 1886, a lady



of remarkable force of character and Christian fidelity, and after a long and beautifully harmonious conjugal communion, in which her gentle influence was felt in every department of usefulness in which he engaged, it was eminently fitting, as it seemed wise and good in the ordering of a Divine Providence, that but a few months previous to his death she should pass from earth away, in the sure hope of a better life above, and preceding him she loved on earth, waited to welcome him to the home of rewarded faithfulness. Of the twelve children born to these parents, six survive, and are among the best citizens of the land.

In February, 1829, Bro. MOORE moved to Washington city and took charge of the printing office of General DUFF GREEN, in which position he continued until 1834, when he resigned and opened a job printing office for himself, but in a short time gave that up and returned to General GREEN, took charge of his office and wound up his business for him. Bro. MOORE then returned to Baltimore with his family, and with General GREEN commenced the publication of the *Merchant*, a newspaper which was conducted with more ability than success.

In 1838, Bro. MOORE again removed with his family to Washington city, and took charge of the paper department of the justly celebrated *National Intelligencer*, published by GALES & SEATON, the then leading newspaper, not only of the city, but of the entire country, and remained as the managing editor until January 1st, 1865, a period of over a quarter of a century. He was then offered the position of secretary and treasurer of the Metropolitan Railroad Company, of Washington city, which he accepted, and filled continuously up to the day of his death.

Bro. MOORE was strongly imbued with military enthusiasm; some of his immediate ancestors won distinction in the war of 1812-14. After the repulse of the British at Baltimore, he was enrolled in a company of youths to prepare ammunition and to repel a second attack. When but eighteen years of age he was appointed an ensign in Colonel EADES' regiment of Maryland militia, and afterwards a captain by the Governor of the State. Subsequently, he commanded the Howard Volunteers, of Baltimore. After his removal to Washington city, he was elected captain of the National Cadets, a company in existence prior to the organization of the Washington Light Infantry, now so ably commanded by Colonel WILLIAM G. MOORE, the eldest son of our deceased Brother.

Bro. MOORE, over forty years ago, became attached to the Presbyterian Church with his family, and continued a faithful communicant thereof to the end of his life. In *ante bellum* days, through his management of the *National Intelligencer*, he was brought into contact with nearly all the leading men of the country, and had the personal friendship of many of them.

Always taking a lively interest in public affairs, Bro. MOORE was induced in 1857 to run as a candidate for the Board of Aldermen of Washington city from the Fourth ward, in which he lived, and was elected, and filled the position with so much ability that he was re-elected for several subsequent terms. He also served several terms in the Board of Common Council, a number of them as presiding officer. When, in 1871, the District of Columbia government was changed he was at once elected a member of the House of Delegates of the District Legislature, which position he filled with signal ability.

From this brief review of the career of Bro. MOORE we glean some insight into the character of the man, always active and energetic in the discharge of every duty which devolves upon a good citizen. But it is mainly as an Old Fellow in which we feel the liveliest interest in him; the arduous labors performed, eminent services rendered and achievements attained, are themes for universal praise—running through nearly half a century of the most important period of the history of this great Order, every page of which bristles with unmistakable evidence of his master mind in formulating its creed and bringing into splendid order the chaotic mass which he found on first entering its portals.



Indeed, to RIDGELY, KENNEDY, MOORE and a few others, contemporary with them, are we of the present day mainly indebted for all that is most cherished and best of the great principles that underlie Odd Fellowship, and signalize it as the leading moral and beneficial Order of the closing years of the nineteenth century.

Thus will our departed Bro. MOORE's influence—like the continually radiating circles—never be lost in the broad ocean of Brotherly Love so beautifully illustrated by the teachings of our beloved Order, but so long as temples will be reared to indicate its existence among men will his name and his deeds be remembered and venerated.

Bro. MOORE was initiated into Odd Fellowship August 10th, 1832, and at once became an active worker in the cause, rapidly rising to distinction, passing through all the offices in his Subordinate Lodge as well as those of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, culminating with that of Grand Master, in 1836, after which he was actively employed in various important positions until 1840, when he was elected a Representative in this Grand Body from the District of Columbia, which position he filled, with slight intermission, until 1850, when—though absent from the session—he was elected the eleventh Grand Sire, and served with marked ability in that office until the installation of his successor at the session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at Philadelphia, in 1853.

In 1833, through his efforts, the Patriarchal branch of the Order was first introduced in the District of Columbia. He, with others, presented an application, and obtained a Charter for Columbian Encampment, No. 1, and in January following he was admitted to the Patriarchal Degrees, the Grand Lodge of the United States having adjourned from Baltimore to Washington city to confer the degrees on the petitioners and to institute the Encampment. In that Body he served alternately in every elective office up to 1851. In 1847 he was elected Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia, and the next year was elected Grand Treasurer, which office he filled for four consecutive years.

In October, 1840, Bro. MOORE was elected Deputy Grand Sire to fill an unexpired term. In 1841 he was appointed one of the supervisors in the publication of the *Covenant*, the official organ of the Grand Lodge of the United States, continuing in that capacity until 1845, when the enterprise was abandoned for want of success. From 1842 to 1846 he was chairman of the Committee on the State of the Order in the Grand Lodge of the United States, at which time there was neither Legislative nor Judiciary Committee, and had charge of all subjects now referred to those committees, besides all matters pertaining to the working of the Order in general. In 1843 he was appointed District Deputy Grand Sire for the District of Columbia, and was re-appointed to that office until the institution of the Grand Encampment, at Alexandria, Va.—then forming part of the said district—in 1846. In 1844 he was elected a member of the Committee to Revise the Work of the Order, and to him belongs the honor of the authorship of the Royal Purple Degree, beside aiding materially in the preparation of the Patriarchal and Golden Rule Degrees, suggesting some of the most impressive features of them, all of which passed the scrutiny of subsequent Revision Committees with little or no change.

Though occupying many positions at one and the same time, requiring prompt attention, both in the Subordinate and Grand Bodies of his home jurisdiction, as well as in the Grand Lodge of the United States, Bro. MOORE was never known to neglect a duty imposed upon him, nor shirk the responsibility of its execution. From the earliest date of his connection with our Order to almost the last day of his life, did he give such constant and unremitting attention even to its minutest details, as well as to its loftiest objects and most vital interests, that it may truly be said that a complete biography of him would be a history of Odd Fellowship in the United States for more than a quarter of a century.



Looking back over by-gone years, to the time when the Independent Order of Odd Fellows sprang into existence, among its first staunch hearts that rose to make it a reality we find the names of WILDEY, HOPKINS, ENTWISLE, GETTYS, RIDGELY, KENNEDY and MOORE, who were contemporaries in the great work; only a very small stream, hidden away among rocks, brambles and obstructed by lofty barriers that seemed impenetrable, but behold it has expanded to a mighty river, whose pure, genial waters wash the shores of many lands.

These large-hearted, true men were moved by the sad reality expressed in the forcible words of the poet, and which have passed into proverb, that "man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn," to devise some means and ways to ameliorate this condition.

But what a work was before them, against what fearful odds did they toil; not at first to make Odd Fellowship what it now is; of that, perhaps, they never dreamed, but only labored to form a Brotherhood that would care for and aid each other in time of need. So, with willing hands, stout, brave hearts and loving souls combined, toiled long and constant and warily to evolve a circle that, with God's help, would exclude man's inhumanity.

Behold the issue. Beautiful temples in our own and other lands, whose noble proportions we view with grateful hearts and loving pride, bear testimony to the worth of these noble men, and unmistakably show how the grand truths of Odd Fellowship prevail.

Hand-maid to Christianity, Odd Fellowship stands ready, at all times, to ameliorate the sorrows of our common humanity, and point to the high and worthy life that is in store for all who truly strive to reach that plane that followed well leads on to happiness and heaven.

How beautiful, indeed, was the life of our departed Bro. MOORE, whose every act proved the principles of that noble Order that he labored so long to establish. Like bread cast on the waters, almost hopelessly at first, yet returning after many days with—abundant blessing. His self-abnegation, his untiring love and constant labor, it is difficult to estimate, save by those who were privileged to have knowledge of his daily life. Being of a highly sympathetic nature, humane and philanthropic, he felt the great obligation keenly that binds man to his brother man. Can we then wonder at the zeal with which he sought to establish that Order whose end he foresaw would be to go side by side with Christianity, and minister to the desolate, the orphan and widow, and lift up a fallen Brother and place his feet on a firm basis? He strove to lay for the great corner-stone of our Order, every moral and fraternal principle known to humanity. Ere his departure he had his reward in beholding the vast army of the fraternity he so loved, humble in pretensions, yet building in the sea of time mighty reefs as foundations for the grand structures that will resist every antagonist, however formidable, that may have the temerity to try their strength and assail their bulwarks.

For services rendered, the true Odd Fellow expects no other compensation than the approbation of his own conscience. Benevolent in all his aspirations, he seeks to relieve the distressed; the widow and orphan are the objects of his especial care; to visit the sick and afflicted and tenderly minister to their comfort, he feels to be a pleasant duty. Bro. MOORE, in an eminent degree, fulfilled the great law of love in this wise. Though one of the *savans* and authorities of the Order, he was humble and gentle to a fault, willing and ready to aid in all the offices of humanity, "having his loins girded and staff in hand" to do battle for the Great Master.

A most noble man and Brother has fallen—has passed beyond into the Great Temple of our sublime Master on high; having ready the one essential Pass Word that will open to him the portals of the eternal city "whose builder and maker is God."

Empires, kingdoms and mighty republics will pass from earth only to be remembered in the annals of history, but the principles and truths of the noble



Order, perfected by such humane, grand-souled men as our departed Past Grand Sire, will stand unmoved "amid the war of elements, the wreck of matter and the crush of worlds." What greater epitaph, what more fitting could be engraved on his tomb than the legend: "*He was a Christian, and a friend to all Humanity?*"

His memory will be green and fragrant wherever Odd Fellowship rears its standard, and its temples their spires.

Past Grand Sire MOORE had the spirit of TIMOLEON, who, when in battle, saw his brother TIMOPHANES thrown from his horse, wounded and in great peril of life by the closing in of the foe, fearlessly and boldly rushed to the rescue, covering him with his shield, and there stood firm amid the clashing swords and hissing javelins—wounded almost to the death, yet firm and unflinching—until at last the foe was repulsed. So, he, our beloved and departed Brother, was ever ready to do or to die for the good or safety of his Brethren and the glorious cause of Odd Fellowship. This great Order has, literally here, sprung from his existence. Our souls are made strong by his luminous example and our hearts have consecrated his image in their inmost shrine as one who fought valiantly to the front and fell there, with his armor on and his face to the field.

Let us so live that when we take a final adieu of our beloved on earth and launch our frail barques on that vast ocean, whose furthestmost shore borders on the glorious highlands of eternity, we shall, like our venerated and lamented Past Grand Sire, enter the Supreme Temple of our Grand High Priest, whose Friendship is eternal, and where the spirit of Truth will be the Grand Marshal to bid us enter into God's infinite presence.

Rep. ELLIS, of Illinois, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—While the duty is sad, it is truly a pleasure to pay tribute to the memory of one so honored in this Order, and in the community in which he lived for thirty years or more, as was Bro. JOHN G. ROGERS, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative of the jurisdiction of Illinois.

Bro. ROGERS was made an Odd Fellow in Kentucky in 1849, where he passed through the various offices of the Subordinate Lodge. He joined Excelsior Lodge, No. 22, in Chicago, the latter part of the year 1858. He at once became an active member, and his wise counsels became of great value to the Lodge, especially as the Lodge had about this time invested its surplus funds in real estate, and found difficulty in securing a perfect title to the property. He was an able lawyer and gave personal attention to the matter without cost to the Lodge. A perfect title was ultimately secured, and to-day the property is worth six times more than its original cost.

He was soon elected Representative to the Grand Lodge, and so impressed the members of that Body with his zeal and superior abilities that at the session in 1863 he was elected Grand Master. He was elected Grand Representative in 1867, to fill a vacancy, and in 1868 he was elected for the full term of two years, but having subsequently been elected judge of the Circuit Court of Cook county, he resigned the office of Grand Representative after having served one year. At the session of his Grand Lodge in 1871, he and Bros. SHERMAN and ELLIS were constituted a committee to receive and disburse the contributions made by the Order throughout the world for the relief of the suffering of the members caused by the great fire in Chicago. His duties upon the bench were arduous, but he devoted extra hours to the work of the committee and disbursed the amount of \$131,000, every cent of which was honestly accounted for. To pay proper tribute to the memory of this noble, generous and good man requires an abler pen than mine. He was my friend of twenty-eight years' standing, and to see a fault in him I could not; though intimately associated I was not blinded thereby. He was truly a pure and an



honest, upright man, and our Order has lost a bright star, that has been eclipsed by death.

He was a good counselor, a genial companion, and a true Odd Fellow. He illustrated the principle of Friendship in his every act of life, his Love went out after all, and in Truth it may be said of him, "he loved his fellow-men." He leaves behind a record of purity of principle, of uprightness of character, and of integrity unexcelled. He was indeed a good man, and this example of his life is worthy of emulation. The history of his association with our Order is written upon the pages of the Journals of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and upon those of the Journals of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois.

Rep. JONES, of Kansas, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—It is with feelings of most profound sorrow and sadness that I have to announce to this Grand Body that since our last session, held in the city of Boston, one year ago, the great "Reaper Death" has invaded the jurisdiction of Kansas, and removed from earth to the Celestial Grand Lodge above, three of our Past Grand Masters, who, in years gone by, were members of this Grand Body.

Bro. LEVI EMPIE was born in Sharon, N. Y., November 15th, 1815, and departed this life April 10th, 1887.

He was a Charter member of the fourteenth Lodge instituted in our jurisdiction, and was its first Noble Grand; and he was also the first Chief Patriarch of his Encampment. He was elected Grand Master of our jurisdiction in 1866, and was elected Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States in 1868, and re-elected in 1871—serving two terms as Representative.

But few are present here to-day who were members with him in 1869-70 and 1872-73, and of those few, probably none of you remember anything of him or his good qualities as a man or an Odd Fellow. But those of us who met him, session after session, in our State Grand Lodge, knew him but to respect him. For over a quarter of a century he made the "good of the Order" his special study, and gave his services to the promotion and inculcation of the principles of "Friendship, Love and Truth." To the younger members of our State Grand Body he was an adviser and a father, and to the senior members a Brother in the true sense of the word.

Bro. H. J. CANNIFF also departed this life on the night of April 10th, 1887—being the night following the day on which Bro. EMPIE died. Bro. CANNIFF was elected Grand Master of Kansas in 1869, and in 1870 he was elected Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States for one year, to fill the unexpired term of Bro. C. A. LOGAN, who had been elected Deputy Grand Sire. With him originated the "Kansas Odd Fellows' Funeral Aid Association," through which hundreds of thousands of dollars have been paid to the widows and orphans of our jurisdiction. He held policy No. 1 in the first class organized.

On Tuesday last, the 13th inst., just prior to my departure from home to attend this session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I read with sorrow the following in the telegraphic columns of one of our daily papers:

"TROY, Kans., Sept. 12th.—Professor H. D. McCARTY, of Highland, dropped dead this morning, at that place, of heart disease. He had been a professor in the Highland University for five or six years past. He was lieutenant in the First Kansas regiment, and was severely wounded in the battle of Wilson's creek; was a Past Grand Master of the Odd Fellows of Kansas, and from 1871 to 1875 was State Superintendent of Public Instruction."

Being engaged in educational work myself, I knew him well.

As an honest, upright, conscientious Christian gentleman, no other man stood higher in the estimation of the people of Kansas than did Bro. McCARTY, and no other educator occupied a place nearer the hearts of the ten thousand teachers of our State than he did.



Bro. McCARTY was elected Grand Master of our jurisdiction in 1868, and in 1870, he was elected Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

In 1871, the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction of Kansas was represented in the Grand Lodge of the United States by Bros. McCARTY and CANNIFF, and in 1872, by Bros. McCARTY and EMPIE. To day their bodies lie beneath the "clods of the valley" in their adopted State, while their spirits have gone to "that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns."

Bros. EMPIE, McCARTY and CANNIFF are gone, and we shall all, in the course of time, share their destiny. Let us so live, my Brethren, that when the time shall come for us to cross the "river of death" to that other land "beyond the skies," that we "go not like the quarry-slave at night, scourged to his dungeon, but sustained and soothed by an unfaltering trust, approach our graves like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams."

Rep. MORRIS, of Kentucky, submitted the following :

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—Most of the older members of this Grand Body were acquainted with Past Grand Representative RANSOM, of Kentucky. His manly form, his cordial expression and familiar manner and ready recognition, soon attracted to his acquaintance those with whom he was brought face to face, and the impression made by him was not soon forgotten.

After a close and intimate friendship, running through a period of more than twenty years, it becomes my mournful duty to announce that on the 30th day of June, 1887, ALFRED HALL RANSOM, Past Grand Representative, died. Bro. RANSOM was born in the city of Hartford, Connecticut, December 20th, 1825. Soon thereafter his family moved to Portland, Connecticut. He learned the stonecutter's trade with his uncle, in Albany, New York, from whence he removed to Philadelphia, where, at the age of twenty-three, he established a large stone-yard on his own account. He was baptized by Bishop ONDERDONK and became a member of St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia, of which Rev. Dr. WILMER was the rector.

He was married when twenty-five years old to Miss MARTHA J. LE RUE, who, together with four sons and three daughters, survives him. He located in Covington, Kentucky, in the year 1857, where for many years, he was the efficient secretary of the Kentucky Central Railroad, and subsequently, of the Covington Gas Company. He was initiated in American Star Lodge in Philadelphia, in the year 1846, and at once began to manifest a deep interest in the Order by arduous work for its welfare, and during his early membership presented a lot for the burial of Odd Fellows in Mount Moriah cemetery. He became a member of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, as Representative from Washington Lodge, No. 3, in the year 1859, entered the Grand Encampment in 1860, and was present at each annual session during the remainder of his life. He was unanimously elected to the office of Grand Patriarch in 1876, and in the year 1882, following the adoption of the Revised Work and Ritual, he was chosen Grand Lecturer, in which capacity he visited and instructed, with two exceptions, each of the nearly two hundred Subordinate Lodges in the jurisdiction. In the years 1864 and 1865 he represented the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in the Grand Lodge of the United States, and in 1866, 1867, 1868, 1882, 1883, was one of the Grand Representatives from the Grand Encampment of Kentucky. In each and every exalted position to which—through the confidence and esteem of his Brethren—he was selected to occupy, it was his constant aim to perform his whole duty with his body and soul and mind, and "whatsoever his hands found to do, do with his might," and thus reflect back the honors upon the organizations which had crowned him with them. From the time that he barely reached his majority, onward and up to the day of his death, in mature manhood, he unvaryingly exemplified, in his daily walk and conversation, in the Lodge-room and in his intercourse with the world at large, the:



sublime teachings and the cardinal virtues of Odd Fellowship, which were, to him, dear as the apple of his eye; while from the inmost recesses of his generous heart issued a stream of genuine and tender sympathy for the poor in spirit, the afflicted and distressed, which effectively betokened a kind and noble nature. "He was a bold, brave, good man"—kind as a man, a kind husband and father; kindly in all the relations of life. In a eulogy, pronounced in the year 1882, upon the revered WM. T. CURRY, Past Grand Representative, Bro. RANSOM uttered the following forcible language, which in sincerity and in truth is now fittingly dedicated to himself:

"From Subordinate Lodge and Encampment; from State and Sovereign Grand Lodge; from his Brethren of the Order everywhere—from one and all, comes an attesting voice, that he was ever punctual in his attendance, zealous in the discharge of his duties, punctilious in his obedience to the laws of the Order, and courteous in his intercourse with all his Brethren. He leaves behind an imperishable record. He was a devoted Brother, a loving husband, a kind and affectionate father, a good citizen, an honest man, a faithful Odd Fellow, a true Christian. Who among us would not be satisfied, if the same could be truthfully written on his tomb?"

Rep. MERRILL, of Maine, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—The sad duty devolves upon me to announce the death of Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative JOHN B. NEALLEY, of Maine, who died at his home on the 28th day of November, 1886, aged seventy-seven years, after a short illness. Bro. NEALLEY was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine in 1864 and 1866. He was a Representative to this Sovereign Grand Lodge from the Grand Lodge of Maine in the years 1873 and 1874. It will be seen that Bro. NEALLEY had passed the allotted time of man, three-score and ten, yet he was zealous in the work of our beloved Order, and always took a deep interest in its welfare and prosperity. Honest in all his transactions in the various relations of life, he was an example for all connected with him to follow. Bro. NEALLEY was a constant attendant at his Subordinate Lodge, and always attended the sessions of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of his jurisdiction, and his presence and counsel we shall sadly miss. His fealty to our Order could never be questioned, for his single aim was, in all circumstances, to be on the side of justice and right toward all men, and at the same time true to our beloved Order.

Rep. NEWTON, of Massachusetts, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—It becomes my duty as a Representative of the jurisdiction of Massachusetts, to report the death of Past Grand Representative CALEB RAND.

Bro. RAND was known in this jurisdiction as one of the most faithful and devoted Odd Fellows among us. When the dark clouds of despondency and doubt gathered thick about us, his voice was raised in encouragement and wise counsel; in days of prosperity no one was more profoundly grateful. Gifted by nature with graceful speech, he was ever ready to use his eloquence in behalf of our Order, and for the advancement of the interest of his fellow-men. He was a native of Charlestown, Massachusetts, born November 7th, 1816, was a printer by trade, and for many years had an office in his native city. He served the city, under the old municipality, in many places of trust, with honor. He served his district in the House of Representatives and Senate several terms with much credit. He became an Odd Fellow in January, 1843, by initiation into Bunker Hill Lodge, No. 14, I. O. O. F. In October of the same year he withdrew, for the purpose of assisting in the formation of Howard Lodge, No. 22, and was one of its Charter members, and became its first Noble Grand.



He was elected Grand Master August, 1856. Was elected Grand Patriarch August, 1870. Elected Grand Representative, from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, August, 1857; from Grand Encampment August, 1871. He was appointed Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, September, 1872.

Bro. RAND passed from earth to life, from his home in Charlestown, Massachusetts, Sunday morning, September 11th, 1887, leaving behind the proud record of being a noble-hearted Odd Fellow, a good citizen and a true Christian gentleman.

Rep. STROUSE, of Minnesota, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—For the second time since Minnesota became a jurisdiction, has death removed from our ranks one who had been honored with a seat in this Sovereign Body. Since our last session, MONROE SHEIRE, Past Grand Patriarch and Past Grand Representative, has been summoned to the unseen land.

Bro. SHEIRE was born May 11th, 1834, in Lexington, Greene county, New York, among the Catskill Mountains. The family removed to Detroit, Mich., in 1836, where Bro. SHEIRE received a good education and became especially proficient in architectural drawing. In 1856 he entered into partnership with his father, GEO. H. SHEIRE, a builder. In 1860 he removed with his family to St. Paul, Minn., where he resided until his death. Bro. SHEIRE soon advanced to a front rank in his profession as an architect. A number of the finest residences that adorn "the Queen City of the Northwest," were designed by him, and as a builder and contractor he built several of the largest and finest public buildings for the State—such as asylums, churches, school-houses, etc. Those evidences of his skill will long remain, serving, in some sense, as monuments of the talent and ability of our deceased Brother.

Bro. SHEIRE was initiated into the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in St. Paul Lodge, No. 2, on July 30th, 1867, and became a member of the Encampment branch soon after. On June 6th, 1873, he was admitted a member of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and took an active and valuable part in its proceedings at every subsequent session, until his health failed. He was also admitted a member of the Grand Encampment of Minnesota, on June 5th, 1873, and became one of its most prominent members. In 1875 he was elected Grand Patriarch, and in 1877 Grand Representative, serving as such at the sessions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1877 and 1878.

He was always ready for any work or any contribution, and the Order in St. Paul miss him from their list of able and willing workers.

He was also an active and prominent member of the Masonic fraternity (in which he had reached the thirty-second degree), and also of the Druids, Knights of Pythias, Knights of Honor, and Ancient Order of United Workmen.

Bro. SHEIRE was a good Odd Fellow; with him Odd Fellowship was not a mere sentiment, but a principle, which he exemplified in the duties of everyday life, as well as in the Lodge-room. In his demise, a tender husband, a kind father, an affectionate friend and an upright citizen, has passed from earth. The influence of his example in all the associations to which he belonged, and the purity of his character, had a good effect on his associates, who mourn his loss with sincere sorrow.

Bro. SHEIRE had been a member of the Baptist Church from his childhood, and was one of its most sincere adherents. He left, at his death, a widow and six children, all grown up.

For several years past his health had been steadily failing, and for some months prior to his death he had been constantly confined to his bed. His sufferings were great, but he bore them with much resignation. On July 23d, 1887, he bade his dear ones "a last farewell," and closed his eyes on the scenes of earth, in the assurance of a more blessed life hereafter.



Our Order in Minnesota lost one of its most faithful and valuable members, whose memory will always be cherished. By his ability, active exertions and his upright character, he aided greatly to give Odd Fellowship in his city and State a good name and a creditable standing, and, by his example, to influence its members to carry out its great principles in their daily lives.

Rep. STEVENS, of Minnesota, submitted the following :

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—A brief telegram has just been received (during the present session), announcing that the Rev. Bro. JOSIAH MARVIN, Past Grand Master of Minnesota, and Past Grand Representative of that jurisdiction, is no more, his death occurring on September 19th. Bro. MARVIN was, in many respects, a remarkable man. He was born at Alstead, New Hampshire, May 23d, 1819, being one of a family of twelve children, two of whom (a brother and a sister) still survive.

In addition to a common school education, Bro. MARVIN had the benefit of a course of instruction at the Unity (New Hampshire) Academy, and also at the Norwich University, Northfield, Vermont. Having at an early age determined to consecrate himself to the holy office of clergyman, he studied theology with an eminent divine in his native State, and in 1844 was regularly ordained as a minister in the Universalist denomination. He was settled successively at Stoneham, Saugus and Fitchburg, Massachusetts; then at Springfield, Illinois, and Springfield, Massachusetts, at which place, his work having been very successful and bearing good fruit, he received a call to St. Paul, Minnesota, entering upon the duties of pastor of the First Universalist Church in February, 1867. Although preaching in the last named church but a few weeks, he acquired a high reputation and became State missionary of his denomination. In 1871 he was elected chaplain of the State Senate, to which office he was again repeatedly elected. In these various positions he became widely known throughout the State, and probably no clergyman in Minnesota enjoyed a greater degree of esteem or had more affectionate friends.

Bro. MARVIN's history as an Odd Fellow is equally creditable. He became a member of St. Paul Lodge, No. 2, by initiation, on October 8th, 1867, and soon thereafter became a Royal Purple member of Minnesota Encampment, No. 1, becoming at once one of the most active, faithful and valuable members of the Order in St. Paul. He was punctual in attendance, always ready for duty, and having passed the chairs with honor to himself, was admitted to the Grand Lodge on June 6th, 1872. At the 1884 session he was appointed Grand Chaplain, and the following year was elected Grand Master, being installed on June 3d, entering upon the duties of the office with a zeal and energy characteristic of the man, and which have never been approached by any other incumbent, giving up nearly his entire time for a year to the work he found to do; visiting nearly every Lodge in his widely-extended jurisdiction, making public addresses, instituting Lodges, dedicating halls, conferring degrees, etc., all incidental expenses being borne by him. The following year (February 17th, 1886), although having been a member of the Grand Encampment for one year, he was elected therefrom as Grand Representative for one year, in which capacity he served at the Boston session, but was suffering from ill-health to such a degree as to necessitate his departure before the end of the session, going to his old home mid the granite hills of New Hampshire for rest and care, and never returning to his jurisdiction.

In 1845 Bro. MARVIN was united in marriage to MARY ANN HARRIS, of Chesterfield, New Hampshire, a most lovely and accomplished woman, highly esteemed for her piety and charitable works, and having the warm affection of all who knew her. For forty years she made the life of her partner happy and blessed; his whole affections were centered upon her, their only two children having died in infancy. Her death (July 14th, 1885), after a lingering illness, was a terrible blow to him, and his intimate friends feared that he would not



recover from it, his own health having been seriously impaired through his constant watching at his wife's bedside. These apprehensions were well founded, for from that date Bro. MARVIN steadily declined, and some time afterwards his mind became affected through softening of the brain. His relatives in New Hampshire caused him to be placed in a private hospital in Burlington, Vermont, but the confinement affecting him unfavorably, he was taken to his birthplace, and the home of his brother, where he suffered from a paralytic stroke, and died calmly on September 19th, 1887, in his sixty-ninth year, nearly reaching his three-score and ten. His remains were interred at Brattleboro, near those of his beloved wife and their children, the burial services being conducted by Wantastiquet Lodge, No. 5, of that place, a Lodge he had often visited and addressed.

Bro. MARVIN was one endowed with unusually attractive natural gifts. He had a rare personal magnetism, which enabled him to acquire friends easily, and attach them to him "with hooks of steel;" a pleasant address, a genial, cheerful bearing, a warm, sincere *bonhomie* of manner, and the clasp of his hand, the kindly greeting, and the loving tones of his voice insensibly won all hearts to him. There have been but few in our Order, in any State, who have wielded such an influence over their Brethren, and used it so unselfishly. His constant thought seemed to be to do good to his fellow-men. His sympathies were always actively engaged to help some unfortunate Brother. His voice, in the Lodge-room, was always on the side of toleration, brotherly love and mutual aid, with the broadest charity for the erring and the tempted. The younger members of his own and neighboring Lodges cannot soon forget his good advice, given on so many occasions, and his searching appeals to them to lead lives of purity, honor and rectitude. He had a happy knack of "saying the right word at the right time," thereby making a deep impression, and now that he who sowed the seed is silent in the grave, his counsels will bear good fruit.

Bro. MARVIN was a very fluent speaker, always edifying and at times rising to heights of eloquence and emotion, especially on his favorite theme, "the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man." At banquets, reunions and social gatherings, he would move his hearers to uncontrollable mirth by flashes of genuine wit, or the recital of amusing anecdotes. These rare gifts, added to his venerable appearance and engaging manners, rendered him popular to an unusual degree, and make the loss of this talented and useful Brother more keenly felt by his fellow-workers in our Order.

With real sorrow at the death which has deprived our jurisdiction, and the Order at large, of a Brother so distinguished and beloved, the Representatives from his jurisdiction sadly lay this wreath upon his tomb.

Rep. CRANE, of New Jersey, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—Bro. JOHN W. ORR, Past Grand Master, Past Grand Patriarch and Past Grand Representative of New Jersey, died in Jersey City, New Jersey, March 3d, 1887, in the seventy-second year of his age. He was born March 31st, 1815, at Dwinane, Ireland. While an infant his parents removed to London, Ontario, and finally settled in Buffalo, New York. He was clerk in the Buffalo post-office during the years 1833-4-5. In 1836 he came to New York to study the art of drawing and engraving, for which he had a special talent. This same year he was awarded a large silver medal for the best engraving, by the Mechanics' Institute (now American Institute). The next year he returned to Buffalo and commenced business as an engraver, and in 1842 he published "Orr's Pictorial Guide to Niagara Falls." Next he went to Albany, and while there he received a gold medal from the New York State Agricultural Society, for the best engraving on wood. In 1844 he removed his business to New York city. In 1862 he commenced the publication of *The American Odd Fellow*, a monthly magazine devoted to the interests of our Order. The first number was issued in January, and it was continued regularly till



1872, when it was merged into *The Companion*, of Columbus, Ohio. He subsequently undertook further publications of periodicals—*The Manhattan Magazine*, *The Orbit*, and *The Fraternity*—all of which proved financial failures. As an artist, he is reported to have shown a masterly degree of perfection, and was acknowledged to be in the front rank of his profession.

Bro. ORR'S connection with Odd Fellowship dates back to 1840. He was initiated May 22d of this year, in Buffalo Lodge, No. 37, of the city of Buffalo, N. Y. He served in various appointed offices till 1842, when he became Noble Grand. He withdrew from Buffalo Lodge and joined Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 73, where he continued his activity. He withdrew from Mount Vernon Lodge to become a Charter member of Crescent Lodge, No. 390, of New York city, of which he was successively Vice Grand and Noble Grand. In 1852 he transferred his membership to Iroquois Lodge, No. 32, of Jersey City, New Jersey, of which Lodge he was Secretary, Treasurer and Noble Grand. He was a member of Mount Sinai Encampment, No. 5, of Jersey City, and repeatedly represented his Lodge and Encampment in the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of New Jersey. He was Grand Patriarch in 1861, Grand Master in 1864, and Grand Representative in 1869 and 1870, but did not attend the session of 1869.

His connection with journalism pertaining to the Order gave him prominence as an Odd Fellow, and he had, therefore, a wide acquaintance among the Brotherhood.

At the request of his family his funeral was quiet, without parade and without even the attendance of the Brethren.

In his connection with the Order the active spirit of the business man was ever prominent. He was continually upon committees where work was to be done, and which demanded the exercise of sound judgment. His counsel was sought after, and his advice was worth following. In his manner he was mild and unobtrusive, and his disposition was genial and social. His heart was full of charity, and his friendship was sincere. His life proved that he loved his fellow-men, and had an abiding faith in the generous sentiments of humanity.

Rep. DILKS, of New York, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—As a Representative of the Grand Lodge of New York, I desire to offer a brief tribute to the memory of one who, during his long and eventful fraternal life, not only served faithfully and earnestly in the councils of the Order in that jurisdiction, but also in this Grand Body nearly half a century ago.

WILSON SMALL, Past Grand Master, Past Grand Patriarch and Past Grand Representative, departed this life on the 21st day of October, 1886, in the seventy-seventh year of his age.

The distinguished positions he had held in our Order, and his long-continued labors in the several branches of Odd Fellowship, entitle his good name and better deeds to a more faithful and extended recorded notice than I am prepared to submit at present; but I ask that this may occupy an appropriate place on the memorial tablet of the Journal of this session.

Bro. SMALL was born February 13th, 1810, in the city of New York, and at the age of twelve engaged to learn the business of manufacturing jewelery, in which employment he remained for fifteen years. His young spirit and inclination yearning for a more active life than the workman's bench offered, he entered the political arena, and during the subsequent forty-five years of his life he filled several honorable positions and held many important public trusts, both by appointments and elections; and at the time of his demise held a clerkship in the Superior Court of New York.

He was initiated into Odd Fellowship in New York Lodge, No. 10, New York city, July 3d, 1833, and held continuous membership therein until the day of his death. In August, 1834, he was admitted to the Grand Lodge. In 1839 he was elected to represent the Grand Lodge in the Grand Lodge of the



United States, and at the session of 1840 was made chairman of the Finance Committee in the last-named body. In August of that year he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, and during his administration the Order in that jurisdiction increased and prospered to a marvelous degree, and spread to every part of the State. In 1842 he again represented his Grand Lodge in this Grand Lodge. At the session of 1843 Grand Sire KENNEDY appointed Bro. SMALL Grand Marshal *pro tem.* of this Grand Body, as a mark of his appreciation of the personal and official services rendered to him and to the Order.

Bro. SMALL was initiated into Mount Hebron Encampment, No. 2, on the night of its institution in 1834. Having attained to the rank of Past Chief Patriarch in due course of time and service, he became a Charter member of the Grand Encampment of New York, which was instituted in August, 1839, and was honored as its first Grand Senior Warden. In 1841-2 he was its Grand Patriarch. For upward of forty years he was a warm friend, great admirer and an earnest supporter of JOHN A. KENNEDY in all matters that tended to elevate the Order and to give to the Grand Lodge a more commanding position and influence among its confreres. Their interests were identical, and their regard for each other mutual; hence their fraternal relations were always close and intimate. Such, too, were his relations to all Brethren with whom he was accustomed to associate. He was a faithful Odd Fellow within and a genuine Brother without the Lodge. Whenever, and by whomsoever met, he was always the same Bro. SMALL—with the same kind word of greeting, earnest grasp of friendship and pleasant smile of recognition. No one ever parted from him without feeling the better for having met him. His fatherly solicitude for the young member, and his brotherly interest in the old Past Grand, earned for him the respect and esteem of all who knew him. He was a true type of the noble Odd Fellow our Order sets up for a worthy example. He has been an attentive member and an efficient worker in other fraternal organizations, but his first and strongest love and greatest labors centered in Odd Fellowship. He lived as he died, a sincere and consistent Christian—a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. His religious life was quiet and unobtrusive in its character, but firm and constant in its faith in everlasting life—in the everliving God.

His political career was without a blot or a shadow of reproach. His social life was one of honesty, industry and integrity. He neither shrank from responsibility, avoided duty, nor deserted a friend. His examples and influences for good remain with us, though he is gone, and his memory will be warmly cherished by his friends and Brothers, who now live in a knowledge of his benevolent and brotherly life. His good deeds and noble work are matters of record for the perusal and emulation of those who would revere the name and fame of a good man who has gone to his reward.

Rep. SLOCUMB, of North Carolina, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—WM. L. SMITH, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative, was born in Wilmington, N. C., April 11th, 1821, and died in his native town on the 2d day of June, 1887. Was initiated in Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F., in December, 1844, and from that time onward through life was a zealous Odd Fellow; always filling some office in his Lodge—guiding its financial affairs and watching its interest even unto the day of his death. In 1850 he first entered the Grand Lodge of North Carolina as the Representative of Cape Fear Lodge, and in 1869 was elected Grand Master. In 1870 he was chosen Grand Representative, and served in this Body for two years. In early life Bro. SMITH engaged in the commission and auction business, but for several years before, and up to the close of the war, he was connected with the Bank of Wilmington as its teller and cashier; from



1866 to the close of his life he was the valued agent of several insurance companies. In 1881 and 1882 he was mayor of Wilmington.

Past Grand Representative SMITH possessed and manifested in his daily walk and conversation many of the virtues which constitute a noble character. His manly courage in maintaining his convictions, even against odds, were very prominent. He was punctual and correct in all matters pertaining to business, and in the discharge of the duties incident to the many offices of honor and trust which he held, he manifested a sterling integrity. He was loyal in his friendships, courteous and kind-hearted, honest and truthful, faithful and just. These virtues well fitted him for the high positions which he held in the Order and out of it, and for which he was so highly appreciated as a friend, a citizen and Brother Odd Fellow.

Rep. GAMBELL, of Oregon, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—Since the last session of this Grand Lodge, the jurisdiction of Oregon has been called to mourn the loss of an esteemed and honored member of the Order.

Bro. E. L. BRISTOW, Past Grand Representative, died at his residence in the city of Salem, on the 21st day of May, 1887.

Bro. BRISTOW was born in McDonough county, Illinois, January 2d, 1832, and was fifty-five years of age at the time of his death.

He was a "pioneer" not only in Odd Fellowship, but as a citizen of our State. He emigrated to Oregon, "across the plains," in 1848, and located in Lane county, there engaging in farming until 1860, when he was appointed clerk in the United States land office; soon afterward he engaged in mercantile business at Eugene City, which he followed until 1874, when he removed to Salem, the capital of the State; he there engaged in journalism, editing and publishing the *Salem Mercury* for several years; he was appointed to and held the office of capitol building commissioner, and executed the duties thereof with marked ability.

He became an Odd Fellow in 1864, in Spencer Butte Lodge, No. 9, at Eugene City, entered the Grand Lodge of Oregon in 1867, was elected Grand Master in 1871. In 1869 he was elected Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and was present at the sessions of 1868 and 1869; he was also elected Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Oregon, in 1882; he was thus honored with all the highest official stations within the gift of the Brotherhood in his jurisdiction. In all of them he displayed unusual zeal and ability in discharging their various and oft-times onerous duties.

Thus briefly have I sketched his history as a citizen and an Odd Fellow, but enough is here given to show something of the character of the man; that he possessed sterling qualities above the average of men. Modest and retiring in his manner he received the respect and love of all who knew him. In his business relations he was always careful to merit and maintain a reputation for the strictest integrity. His career as an Odd Fellow, in all that the words imply, was noted for that zeal and energy characteristic of a true Odd Fellow. It will be difficult to fill Bro. BRISTOW's place in the Grand Lodge of Oregon. For many years he was chairman of the Committee on Legislation in that Body, and thereby was enabled to guide and shape, for the best good of the Order, much of the legislation. Progressive in his views, tenacious of his opinions, and forcible and earnest in their expression, yet was he cordial and warm-hearted to an extreme; the light of his eye and the clasp of his hand conveying assurance of his friendly regard and generous disposition.

And so was laid to rest, by his Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, one who, in all the relations of life, had borne himself as a "man among men."

Let us honor and cherish his memory.

Reps. CARLETON, GIBSON and MAKEMSON, of Texas, submitted the following:

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES—For the first time in many years, the jurisdiction of Texas has to mourn over the grave of one of her Past Grand Representatives—one of her oldest and most devoted members—and to us has fallen the duty of presenting to this Grand Body some brief mention of the history and virtues of the deceased, in order that the same may be preserved among its archives.

Past Grand Master, Past Grand Patriarch and Past Grand Representative JAMES A. HAYNIE, of Texas, died in the city of Waco, Texas, on the 1st day of August, 1887, aged seventy-four years. Bro. HAYNIE was born in Knoxville, Tenn., on the 21st of March, 1813, moved to Tuscumbia, Ala., in 1834, and in 1836 cast his fortunes with the young Republic of Texas, settling in what is now Fayette county, Texas, where, for thirty-three years, he made his home, removing therefrom to Waco, in 1869. Very soon after the introduction of Odd Fellowship into Texas, Bro. HAYNIE became a member of the Order, and from that time until his last illness worked with unremitting zeal to spread its influence and increase its membership within the great Lone Star State. Bro. HAYNIE at once took a high position in the Order, and, passing through the chairs of his Subordinate Lodge and Encampment, soon became a member of the Grand Bodies of the jurisdiction, and in them was always regarded as one of the safest of advisers and one of the most earnest and efficient of its members. In 1868 Bro. HAYNIE was elected Grand Master, and, in 1869, Grand Patriarch of Texas, and by his untiring activity during his terms of office, largely increased the membership of the Order and deservedly earned the love and esteem of his Brothers. In 1868 Bro. HAYNIE was appointed Representative from the Grand Encampment to fill a vacancy, and in 1875 was unanimously elected to the same position, and continued to be re-elected until 1883, when he declined to serve longer in such position. Although Bro. HAYNIE attained his three-score years and ten in 1883, and might well have claimed exemption from active labor in Subordinate and Grand Lodges and Encampments, he continued to regularly attend and work in them with all the ardor of youth, tempered with the wisdom which comes from age and experience.

To those members of this Body who served with, knew and loved our departed Brother, no words are needed to recall his virtues and embalm his memory, for "none knew him but to love him, none named him but to praise."

True friend, loving husband, tender parent, devoted Odd Fellow—farewell! In the bright realms beyond the skies, "where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest," thy spirit has found eternal rest, and may the recollection of thy virtues and devotion to Friendship, Love and Truth incite us all to imitate virtues we cannot surpass, and to carry, high advanced, the banner of our noble Order.

Rep. ORENDORFF, of Illinois, moved the following, which was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Body are hereby tendered Grand Sire WHITE for the able, impartial and satisfactory manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office.

The Chair announced the following:

*Committee on Printing Supplies* —Reps. JONES, of Maryland; DILKS, of New York; ISZARD, of New Jersey; Grand Secretary ROSS; Grand Treasurer SHEP-PARD.



*Sub-Committee on Finance.*—Reps. MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania; BLANKS, of Virginia

*Committee on Dues and Benefits.*—Rep. JOHNSON, of Rhode Island, to fill vacancy.

*Committee on Insurance Associations*—Reps. JAMES, of Michigan; HEDGES, of Ohio; WILCOX, of Ohio; VAN DEMAN, of Ohio; SHERIDAN, of Ohio.

Rep. DILKS, of New York, moved that the Grand Lodge do now adjourn *sine die*, which was agreed to.

The Lodge being called up, the Representatives united in singing the closing ode of the Order, and the Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, addressed the Throne of Grace as follows :

O, Almighty God, the Supreme Governor of all things, we desire to offer our prayers and praises for the blessings bestowed upon us. With grateful hearts do we acknowledge Thy loving kindness through the past week. We thank Thee for the social and fraternal privileges we have enjoyed, and for the spirit of unity and concord which has prevailed in our assembly during its session. May our labors be abundantly blessed to the good of our great and benevolent Order, and may the Brotherhood everywhere be excited to new diligence, zeal and devotion for the future. Fill our hearts, O God, with a spirit of tenderness and compassion. May we be ever ready to illustrate the principles of our Ritual, to relieve the poor and needy, the distressed and the afflicted, the widow and the orphan, and thus fulfill the law of pure and undefiled religion before Thee.

We now commend ourselves to Thy fatherly care and protection. Preserve us in all our journeyings; guard us in every danger; keep us in health and safety, and in Thy good time restore us to the joys and comforts of our homes; and grant that we may praise Thee for all Thy mercies, and love and serve Thee faithfully all our days.

"Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen."

The Deputy Grand Sire, by direction of the Grand Sire, proclaimed the Sovereign Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*.



*Theo. A. Roff*

Grand Secretary.

# PAST GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT DURING THE SESSION.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby requested to record in the Journal of each session the names of Past Grand Representatives who may be present (and report to said officer), and that a copy of the Revised Journal be mailed to each Past Grand Representative whose name may appear therein.—*Journal, 1870, page 4861.*

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
1. J. W. RATLIFF.....	Bald Mountain, Colorado.
2. S. H. BRADLEY.....	Black Hawk, Colorado.
3. CHARLES E. WALDO.....	Canon City, Colorado.
4. ALONZO FURNALD.....	Central City, Colorado.
5. R. J. VAN VALKENBURG.....	Erie, Colorado.
6. R. G. BUCKINGHAM.....	Denver, Colorado.
7. D. D. HATFIELD (Illinois).....	Junction City, Colorado.
8. GEORGE G. ARNOLD.....	Denver, Colorado.
9. A. J. WOODBURY.....	Denver, Colorado.
10. OMER O. KENT.....	Denver, Colorado.
11. HENRY GARBANATI (Wyoming).....	Durango, Colorado.
12. C. B. FOSTER.....	New Haven, Connecticut.
13. FRANK S. EMERSON.....	Sioux Falls, Dakota.
14. JOHN T. JAKES.....	Wyoming, Delaware.
15. WILLIAM F. SLATER (Ohio).....	Chicago, Illinois.
16. LUTHER BIXBY (Minnesota).....	Chicago, Illinois.
17. L. M. CAMPBELL.....	Danville, Indiana.
18. JOHN W. MCQUIDDY.....	Indianapolis, Indiana.
19. CHARLES P. TULEY.....	Bloomington, Indiana.
20. J. B. KIMBALL.....	Kendallville, Indiana.
21. J. NORWOOD CLARK.....	Iowa City, Iowa.
22. E. W. HARTMAN.....	Indianola, Iowa.
23. WILLIAM GARRETT.....	Burlington, Iowa.
24. GEORGE WHIPPLE.....	Burlington, Iowa.
25. SAMUEL F. BURDETT.....	Leavenworth, Kansas.
26. W. H. PILKENTON.....	Wa Keeney, Kansas.
27. B. J. F. HANNA.....	Wa Keeney, Kansas.
28. WILLIAM H. SMITH.....	Portland, Maine.
29. HARRISON SOULE.....	Ann Arbor, Michigan.
30. NORMAN BAILEY.....	Hastings, Michigan.
31. WILLIAM CHENEY.....	Minneapolis, Minnesota.
32. JOHN DONIPHAN.....	St. Joseph, Missouri.
33. T. T. PARSON.....	St. Louis, Missouri.
34. E. WILKERSON.....	St. Louis, Missouri.
35. E. M. SLOAN.....	St. Louis, Missouri.
36. JOHN HAMLIN.....	Omaha, Nebraska.
37. D. A. CLINE.....	Lincoln, Nebraska.
38. HARRY A. FARRINGTON.....	Manchester, New Hampshire.
39. JOHN DUNHAM.....	Newark, New Jersey.
40. GEORGE HASKINS (New York).....	Newark, New Jersey.
41. JOHN MEDOLE.....	New York, New York.
42. GEORGE H. CHANCE.....	Portland, Oregon.
43. SAMUEL F. GWINNER.....	Taylorsville, Pennsylvania.
44. JACOB MORRIS.....	Wheeling, West Virginia.
45. LOUIS MILLER.....	Laramie City, Wyoming.



# APPENDIX.

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THE WELCOME OF THE BRETHREN OF COLORADO.

EXCURSION TO GRAYMONT, VIEWING THE CELEBRATED "LOOP," ETC., SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 17TH.

SERMON BY BRO. REV. J. W. VENABLE, GRAND CHAPLAIN, AT ST. JOHN'S  
CATHEDRAL, DENVER, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH.

RECEPTION OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE AT THE GRAND OPERA HOUSE.

ADDRESSES BY BRO. C. D. COBB, GRAND REPRESENTATIVE; HON. ALVA

ADAMS, GOVERNOR OF COLORADO; HON. WILLIAM SCOTT LEE,

MAYOR OF DENVER; BRO. J. M. NORMAN, GRAND SECRE-

TARY OF THE GRAND LODGE OF COLORADO; AND

REPLY BY BRO. JOHN H. WHITE, GRAND SIRE

OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE, MON-

DAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH.

REUNION OF PAST GRAND REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SURVIVORS OF THE  
SESSION OF 1865, AT THE GRAND OPERA HOUSE, MON-  
DAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 19TH.

THE GRAND DEMONSTRATION OF PATRIARCHS MILITANT, ENCAMPMENTS,  
LODGES, AND THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE, THURSDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 22D.

SUNDRY ENTERTAINMENTS DURING THE WEEK OF THE SESSION.

STATISTICS OF THE GRAND LODGES OF AUSTRALASIA AND THE GERMAN  
EMPIRE.

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In accordance with the request of the Committee of the Order representing the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Colorado, the officers and members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge assembled in the city of Denver, on Friday evening, September 16th, and were comfortably provided for in the handsome Windsor, Albany and other hotels in the city.

The next morning the visitors were escorted to the Union depot, to participate in an

EXCURSION TO GRAYMONT,

Over the Union Pacific road, pronounced by all a great success. About 750 persons made the trip, a description of which is herewith presented, in a condensed form, from the city papers.

It was a pleasure trip in every sense of the word. Many of the delegates were accompanied by their wives, and some by their sons and daughters, and a more striking and acceptable contrast could not be imagined than that presented to these people after their long journey over a level stretch of country. All of Friday they had gazed upon the unbroken prairies of Kansas, and yesterday they were plunged into the very heart of the Rocky mountains, while the trains whirled and twisted themselves into all sorts of shapes to pass huge rocks and promontories of every conceivable shape. At one moment they were gazing directly upward at frowning mountains, whose peaks reached far towards the heavens, and the next were looking upon some pretty scene in the valley beneath, while Clear creek dashed merrily along ever near the line of the car wheels, sometimes so near that it seemed as though one could lean over from the car steps and dip up the water.

So many persons purchased tickets for the excursion that it was found necessary to run the train in two sections. The first was the regular train, and it left at 8:20 with eight coaches and about 300 passengers. At 8:48 a special excursion train left the depot with 450 more people. The engines drawing the sections were tastefully decorated with flags and bunting, with "Welcome to the Patriarchs" on either side.

The first stop was made at Golden, then at Forks creek, Idaho Springs, with its famous hot baths, and a few minor places.

Georgetown was gazed on with surprise and wonderment as the train crept higher and higher above it in forming a semicircle of the town. It was wondered how a town could grow to such proportions in such a seeming out-of-the-way place. They knew, of course, that its growth was due to the rich mining interests of the vicinity, but its appearance was a surprise to them.

But the "Loop" was admired more than anything else along the route. The continuous serpentine twistings of the train for the past forty miles or more had excited much admiration, but when it doubled around those sharp curves in all sorts of shapes the applause was general. The platforms of the cars were crowded with people, to say nothing of two heads at every window, all gazing at this great piece of civil engineering. At Silver Plume there was another short stop.

Next came Graymont, the end of the journey, the snow-covered Gray's peak looming up just beyond. The last section arrived here at 2:30, and the first train at once resumed its journey homeward.

At 3:30 the last of the excursion party started on the return trip. There was but one opinion expressed as to the trip and the scenery—that it was the grandest these good people had ever enjoyed, and they were more than pleased with all they had seen. Although they have only been in Colorado little more than thirty-six hours, the visitors are unanimous in the opinion that it is a veritable fairy land, and its scenery magnificent beyond the comprehension of those who have not seen it.

The first section containing the excursionists arrived in Denver at 6:30, and the last at 8 o'clock P. M.

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#### THE SERVICES AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

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On Sunday, the 18th of September, the officers and members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, under the escort of Cantons Arapahoe, of Colorado; Excelsior, of Illinois; Clay Center, of Kansas; Atkins, of Kentucky, and 400 members of the Denver Lodges, in all about 700, marched from the Windsor Hotel to the cathedral.



The city papers described as "a grand sight" the congregation that gathered within the sacred walls of the cathedral and listened to the splendid music of the choir, and the eloquent words of the reverend Grand Chaplain.

"There was an excited flutter in the choir when the sound of marching footsteps became audible. The choir was ably directed, and, during the service, sang several of the great musical creations with rare earnestness, as if the hearts of the singers were in the work.

"The chancel railing was richly decorated with flowers and all national colors, and on each side the flags of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, decorated with the usual designs, floated proudly above the heads of the people. The altar was decorated with the national colors and so was the gallery, the front of which was quite disguised by masses of gay-colored bunting, but the most attractive bit of decoration was that on the pulpit.

"This was a large shield extending over the entire front of the desk in solid yellow, having a setting of delicate green vines and an inscription in deep purple immortelles running diagonally across it, which read: 'Justitia Universalis.' This golden shield lighted up the dim interior beautifully. It was as if a bed of roses had been dropped down in the midst of some great assembly, attracting universal attention and gladdening the sight of those who beheld it. It was a royal bit of coloring and artistically placed in its bed of delicate green.

"The links of 'Friendship, Love and Truth' were everywhere. The All-seeing Eye glanced benignantly down upon all the many devotees of the Order. The letters 'I. O. O. F.' could be read distinctly from all points in the auditorium.

"Flowers were massed loosely everywhere. Their delicate fragrance was wafted softly through the cathedral. The atmosphere was cool and delightful, and the language of the scene was peace, unity and good fellowship.

"And the music was glorious. It seemed made for the occasion. It floated through the aisles in floods of triumphal melody. It filled the place and soared on high, and made many hearts rejoice in that it was so truly sublime a thing, and that it awakened all the better feelings.

"The voices of the choir boys rang out clear and sweet and pure as the running water of a brook.

"And then that great chorus of 150 voices, so full, so rich, so grand, with that rare harmony of all great sacred music, rang out again and again in such exquisite, powerful melody that the hearts of the people were touched, and many of them lingered even after the close of the services, vainly hoping that it would be repeated.

"There was first rendered the processional hymn 'Old Hundred,' which, with the four brass instruments and drums, produced a thrilling effect. The 'Magnificat' and 'Nunc Dimittes,' as also the 'Hallelujah' chorus and the hymns, had separate band parts written out by Mr. HALL, the organist of the cathedral, and under the steady and decisive beat of Mr. ISAAC E. BLAKE, director, the choir of 150 voices, the band and the grand organ produced a magnificent *ensemble* sublime in the extreme.

"When the great congregation was seated, and the processional song had been sung, and when every available inch of space was occupied, the ushers sought their seats, the great mass of humanity settled down to the enjoyment of the service, and Dean HART read the scripture lesson in his usual clear and incisive style. After that the choir furnished more delightful music, the dean read the second lesson, and the service proceeded.

"The Rev. H. B. HITCHINGS, of New York, who will be remembered as the original rector of 'St. John's in the Wilderness,' was present and intoned the prayers, the Rev. Canon SORENSON assisting.

"The sermon followed."

## CHARITY.

A SERMON

BY

BRO. REV. J. W. VENABLE,

Grand Chaplain of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

CHARITY NEVER FAILETH; BUT WHETHER THERE BE PROPHECIES, THEY SHALL FAIL; WHETHER THERE BE TONGUES, THEY SHALL CEASE; WHETHER THERE BE KNOWLEDGE, IT SHALL VANISH AWAY."—*First Corinthians, XIII., 8.*

Webster gives the following definition of the word charity: "Charity, in a general sense, is that disposition of heart which inclines men to think favorably of their fellow-men and to do them good." In a theological sense it includes supreme love to God and universal good-will to men. In a more particular sense, love, kindness, affection, tenderness, springing from natural relations, as the charities of life. It is synonymous with love, benevolence, good-will, affection, tenderness, liberality, indulgence, alms-giving.

The true Christian endeavors to show forth the bright influence of the charity which never faileth—which is the bond of peace and of all virtue here, and the only grace which will survive forever in heaven. It is a charity of the affections and requires of us the exercise of every good disposition, of every generous sentiment toward others—not seeking our own.

With this strict self-denial it combines the most unbending self-respect and allows no compromise with error, even while we commiserate the wanderer. It is, in fact, such love towards man as can grow up with and give evidence of our love toward God. It embraces the sorrows and joys, and hopes and fears, the present and future interests of all mankind. Its sphere of action, therefore, has no limits; its circumference is infinite; its centre God.

Cold of heart and proud indeed must we be, if, as often as we contemplate St. Paul's beautiful character of divine charity, we do not cherish kindlier feelings toward the wants, the errors and the offenses of our fellow-creatures; if we do not confess the need of a more lowly estimate of ourselves; and with love unfeigned toward both God and man strive to exercise that charity on earth which constitutes the employment and bliss of angels and saints in heaven. Love is the proper and usual meaning of the Greek word used in the text to signify charity, and is so translated by commentators.

In the verse to which I call your special attention to-day St. Paul is illustrating the value of love from its permanency as compared with other valuable endowments. It is to be sought, because it will always abide; may be always exercised, is adapted to all circumstances and to all places. It will continue to all eternity and be exercised in heaven forever. "Charity never faileth; but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away."

In patriarchal days the fairest civilization of the earth had made the land of the Euphrates rich with cities; there the commerce of the East had built its palaces. Cities, strong-walled and rich with every luxury, sat queen-like in the midst of palms and plains clad with the richest verdure. A few centuries passed away and these cities went down into the dust, and the earth grew over them, and men forgot their localities; and only in our own curious age have men dug down and disinterred their ruins. Palmyra, the far-famed "city of the plains," is a city of ruins, and beneath the arches where Zenobia held her court the Bedouin Arab tethers his horse and builds his fires.



There are two Englands for the tourist's eye. The England of to-day, alive and busy; and that of the past, showing everywhere as its memorials, abbeys, churches, palaces uncovered to the sun, tenantless, going down to the dust. The history of all ancient nations which once filled the world's eye, as England does to-day, makes something more than the prophecy of a dreamer, the picture drawn by the great historian of "Some traveler from New Zealand who, in the little future close at hand, shall sit upon the crumbling arches of London Bridge, and gazing at the ruins of Westminster and St. Paul, and watching the wild bird flit over the desolate marsh, shall wonder what barbarian nation lived and loved among those ruined walls."—*Macaulay*.

Strange as it seems, it is no less true, that the most enduring work is that which does not express itself in material forms. The old empires have passed away, but the knowledge which made them great survives to build upon their ruins new kingdoms. A book will outlast a palace, and the writer and teacher are more enduring builders than the architect. It is singular with what strange immortality the literature of nations is preserved. And yet everywhere we have evidence of the truth declared in the text, that even knowledge passeth away.

In painting and architecture we know that our masters are behind us; as new philosophies are born the old must die; as new truth is found the old is discarded. The science of yesterday is disproved by that of to-day, and in every department of thought and investigation we forget and discard the old while we welcome the new. Some one has said: "God's best gift to man is human speech." It is at least a gift which long endures.

A great war may ruin a nation, destroy its cities; a conflagration may consume the garnered literature of ages, but so long as one member of that desolated nation lives, its speech survives. A nation carried into captivity cannot carry its literature—reduced to servitude its knowledge soon passes away—but the poor captive takes to his exile the mother speech. The old Aryan nation, that on the table lands of Eastern Asia was the mother of all the nations of Western Europe, left no monument of its existence—no literature to tell its history; but in every language it has left its mark, and we have learned the history of its migrations, the method of its life at home, simply from the existing languages of the world. And yet our text says, "Whether there be tongues, they shall cease." The Roman nation, when it conquered another nation and wished to thoroughly subjugate it, left the national gods undisturbed, but sought, by every device, to impose upon the people its own language, knowing that could this end be secured its allegiance would be permanent. There is everywhere a tendency to the centralization of power, and a consequent unity of speech.

Germany has bound together the various nationalities of the Germanic Confederation into a compact empire, and is fusing the speech into one national dialect. England, in America, India and Australia, has not only imposed its customs, but its language, and in all these countries, ere long, the universal speech will be the English tongue, while of necessity the other tongues will cease. The German, French and Swedish settlers in our country rarely retain their distinctive speech for more than two generations. Even in our own remembrance many words have become obsolete; pronunciations have changed, and there is a constant modification in our speech. Such writers as Shakespeare and Chaucer cannot well be read without a glossary; and the old deeds and proclamations of our Revolutionary times sound strangely in ears accustomed to modern speech. Even religion changes its form with the changing years. The worship of sun and stars changes to that of idols made by human hands; idolatry changes to a worship of many gods; polytheism changes to a worship of the one God; the monotheism of the Jews becomes the Mohammedanism of the Eastern nations; while Christianity, supplanting Paganism, is extending into all the world, a tree whose leaves are for the healing of the nations.

The long path over which civilization has journeyed, like desert wastes, is strewn with the bleached skeletons of the old religions that have done their



work and died. Even "prophecies," religions, shall fail. What then is sure? The work of our hands fails; knowledge passes away; our speech is lost in other speech; even religion itself changes its form and dies. "Charity," or love, "never faileth!" Love remains unchanged; its language is the same in every century and nation. In the ordinary work of our hands, that endures longest which love directs. The buildings we raise for our selfish gains speedily pass away. Our grand cathedrals, built for love of God, last for ages. That work which love prompts is always well done. The statue of the man the sculptor loved is well carved. The biography that love prepares is faithfully written, not a line of light is omitted nor a single good deed unrecorded. So our literature that survives longest is that which has in it the element of love. We speedily forget the battles of the old wars, but the "love of country" which nerved the arms that fought them we remember. How few of us can tell where the battle of Zutphen was fought. But all remember the "love" of the gallant Sir Philip Sidney which has immortalized the field. Jerusalem is despoiled, Jericho is in ruins, the road between them barren with desolation. But all nations remember the story of the traveler who on that road, so long ago, fell among thieves and was succored by the hand of love.

The really immortal works that men's intellects have produced are the tales of love and sympathy. The historian's, the philosopher's, the scientist's work pass into forgetfulness, while the poet, telling his simple tale of love, sings the songs that echo round the world.

It is because of the eternity of love that its embodiment, Jesus Christ, is the contemporary of all ages. The highest object of human worship is God, who is Love. But we cannot fully comprehend that love. It is divine, while we are human; it is infinite, while we are finite; it is so high that we cannot attain unto it. But love clad in the form of our humanity we can see and measure; we can see the beatings of a human heart; we can interpret the utterances of human speech—we can commune with one who "is touched with the feeling of our infirmities." We cannot see the Being who rides upon the wings of the wind, but we can trace the path marked by human steps. It is our reverence for the love of Christ in sacrificing Himself for us which has kept His name above every name.

We honor the names of the masters of thought who have wrested the secrets of nature from her hiding-place. We record the names of our statesmen and warriors in the annals of our history. Christ claimed not to be a master of thought; He was not a philosopher; He revealed no secret of science; He was crucified; He was of no reputation, but in the short time He dwelt on earth He twined Himself so closely into human sympathies that He has been the friend and confidant of all the world's sorrowing. There are few upon whom the sunshine falls forever. The great army of humanity is an army of sorrow; the great tide of human life is a turbid, tumultuous torrent, sweeping on with wailings of despair, and it was for the comfort of unhappy and sinful man that that life of love, of temptation, of struggle, was lived so long ago; that the friendless of every age might have a friend; that the sorrowing might have a solace, the weak a champion, and that guilty man might have a Saviour. It is not philosophy that can cheer the philosopher in the dark hour; the miser's gold is powerless when in the agony of death he stretches out his hand for a brother's sympathy; it is love, warm human love we want in all life's crucial hours, and to the weak, the perishing and the friendless, when all other friends have failed, comes the world's friend to lead them by the still waters and into the land of peace.

Let misfortune strip us of our lands, let the storm or drought destroy our harvests, let our houses crumble in the devouring flames, yet in the loves of home, in the sympathies of friendship, we will defy fortune; but let human love grow cold, and where is the hand that can save us from despair if it is not the hand of the World's Friend. Take away the achievements of our civilization, destroy the monuments of our progress, burn the records of our fathers'



deeds, and the hope of the world will be buoyant still. But take away the manger from Bethlehem, blot out the foot-prints of Christ from Judea, unclothe Gennesaret of its story and Olivet of its memories, and seal the tomb in Joseph's garden, and you shall make mourning in every poor man's home, you shall make tears in every prison, you shall intensify the agony of every martyr's fire and add a pang to every dying couch; the wail of a sorrowing world shall follow you, louder and sadder than when the angel of death passed over that far-off land and smote the first born of every Egyptian family. It is a surer immortality to live in the hearts of men than in the annals of States; it is better to be the friend than the master of the poor; it is better to die for the world than to live for self.

For nineteen centuries we have spread our feasts in memory of Christ because "He loved us and gave Himself for us." Other men have attained greatness by exalting themselves from the denials of poverty to the luxury of riches, but Christ was exalted because being rich He became poor. Men have attained greatness by the conquest of a throne. He was exalted because for the sake of love He humbled Himself. Others have become great by defying death; He by yielding to it. Others by the splendor of their dying in moments of victory; He by the ignominy of His death in the hour of His defeat. We may scan our Bible closely, we may say that Genesis is but an allegory of the imagination; that the historical books are disfigured with cruel deeds; that David was faithless, Peter inconstant; that Paul was not welcomed to the brotherhood of the disciples with Christian love; and yet whatever skepticism may find of fault, whatever infidelity may find of contradiction within this Book, they can never blot out the fact that it contains the highest example of love made operative in daily life—the noblest ideal that has ever inspired the hearts of men. And it is not necessary that we ask whether this personification of love existed before the foundations of the earth were laid, or came into being at the beginning of the era that takes its name from Him; whether he was the God of Abraham, or only "the man Christ Jesus," in order to establish our point. Of this much we are well assured—that He was the incarnation of love, and it is true that "there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we can be saved," other than His, for there can be no salvation without love. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

The great fraternity of Odd Fellows, whose highest tribunal is about to hold its annual council in this city, is based upon the cardinal principles of friendship, truth and love. From every section of this vast country, and from other lands, brethren have come to represent the interests of their jurisdictions, and to legislate for the general welfare of the Order. They come not as disturbers of the peace. No question of sect or party, religious or political, will for a moment interrupt the harmony of their proceedings. The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man is devoutly recognized; and charity or love is not only inculcated in the ritual, but practically exemplified. To relieve the distressed, visit the sick, bury the dead, and protect the widow and orphan, are duties faithfully carried out. The temporal wants of humanity are provided for by the fraternity; its mission does not extend to spiritual needs. It does not invade the functions of the Church. More than half a million of active members are carrying on this work of benevolence and charity here and in foreign countries. In the annual report to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, made last September at Boston, the amount of relief bestowed by the Order during the year was \$2,180,901.93. I can only give you the bare statement of moneys expended by this Brotherhood; who can tell of the burdened hearts relieved—and the bodily comforts supplied by this organized system of charity?

Yet this is only one of the numerous institutions devoted to similar labors for suffering humanity. They are not rivals to the Church of God, but co-workers in a certain sphere. Their ministrations extend to thousands whom the Church does not reach. As a minister of Christ, I do not hesitate to say that during my long membership in this particular Order, I have never found



it to interfere with my clerical duties, and have never regretted my connection with it. We do our work in life by seeing the achievements of our fathers' hands. We discover the secret fountain at which they drank that we may draw our inspiration from the same source. We are like those artists in foreign galleries who spend their lives, not in painting the dreams of their own fancy, but in copying the gems of the masters. The disciples of Raphael or Angelo look upon their pictures and statuary and imbibe the masters' spirit. They enter into their thoughts, they commune with them and so with their works.

So in Christ we see the embodiment of love, and as "deep answers unto deep," the faculty of love within our souls grows strong, and in our lives manifests its mighty works. Love is the keenest weapon in the armory of life; it is the soonest dulled; the sharp attritions of business, the dull blows of thoughtlessness blunt its edge and make our weapon with which we are to win the victories of God impotent to deliver and weak to achieve. We forget the brilliant victories that love has gained. We must view the man of perfect love that we may see the trophies he has won. We forget, in our contact with the meanness of daily life, that we are fashioned in the image of God. We must come to the perfect man and see how divine a thing is this human nature when it has blossomed into full fruitage. We must remember the measure of His love that we may be made strong to do for God and humanity a noble work. "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." When time shall be no longer and the kingdom of heaven opens to believers, faith and hope will cease. Faith will be lost in certainty, and hope in enjoyment. But charity (or love) will survive the wreck of worlds, outlive time itself, and be forever the work of the servants of God. We therefore pray for an increase of faith, which will not fail us; of hope, which will not deceive us, and of charity, which will continue with us forever. That, supported by faith under every trial, comforted by hope under every affliction, and influenced by charity to live in perfect love both with God and man, our conversation even here may be in heaven and our whole life be so pure and holy, just and good, that loving that which God doth command, we may obtain that which He doth promise, even life eternal.

"By the time the sermon was finished it was 5 o'clock, but the people seemed loth to go. They wanted more music. Many remained until the last faint organ tone died away in echoes, and then went slowly down the steps commenting enthusiastically upon the beauty of the services and the grandeur of the music. An appeal for St. Luke's Hospital, which the dean made in conclusion, resulted in a generous offering. There was not an Odd Fellow in the church who did not contribute to the collection.

"Succeeding the services—to which scarce a third of those who would could listen, owing to the fact that the cathedral, spacious as it is, was all too small—the procession re-formed and re-escorted the Grand Sire to the Windsor and the Deputy Grand Sire to the Albany."

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#### WELCOME AT THE OPERA HOUSE, MONDAY, 19TH.

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At 8 o'clock A. M. the Patriarchs Militant assembled at the Albany, marched in Cantons to Odd Fellows' Hall, received the Grand Lodge of Colorado, marched to the Windsor, received the members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and then in bright array, with music, and colors flying, marched to the destination. The ample accommodations of the Opera House were more than fully tried. The whole body of the auditorium was a mass of masculinity, while the dress circle and gallery were a sea of beauty, grace and elegant costumes.

The officers and members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, under escort of the



Grand Lodge of Colorado and Patriarchs Militant, arrived at the Grand Opera House, where the greeting took place, according to the following

#### ORDER OF EXERCISES:

Overture—Medley of national airs by the band. Opening ode of the Order, sung by the audience, standing, with band accompaniment. Prayer by Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, Grand Chaplain. Addresses by Bro. C. D. COBB, chairman of the committee; Hon. ALVA ADAMS, Governor; Hon. WM. SCOTT LEE, Mayor; Hon. DAVID RINGLE, Grand Master; Hon. JOHN H. WHITE, Grand Sire.

#### ADDRESS OF THE CHAIRMAN.

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE, BRETHREN OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE AND CHEVALIERS—It is my pleasant duty, on behalf of the Committee of Arrangements, to greet you to our city, and congratulate you upon your safe arrival at your destination. Other tongues than mine will extend the formal though hearty welcome to you, and I will not intrude on their domain. If our reception may not seem to be all that it should be, you will remember that only a few years ago we were but a little colony in the wilderness. Should it be our good fortune, ere another quarter of a century rolls by, to receive you again, I venture to say we shall extend a welcome more befitting you.

I now have the honor to present to you His Excellency, ALVA ADAMS, Governor of our young State.

#### THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS.

GRAND SIRE, MEMBERS OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE, MEMBERS OF THE ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS—As the patriarchs of old, whose hospitality your Order emulates, gave welcome to the stranger from afar, so do we welcome you to Colorado. The emblems which you wear, the Order to which you pay allegiance, the principles which you profess and follow, are convincing proof that you are worthy of a warm greeting—worthy to break bread with the dwellers in this most favored land.

The grasp of friendship, the voice of love and the eye of truth with which you have been greeted by Brothers in this Western land, here in the shadow of the Rocky mountains, more eloquent than words, indicate how wide is the field in which the seeds of your Order have been planted.

This meeting together in the bonds of fraternity by Brothers from every part of our broad domain—from the glacier regions of Alaska and from the summer lands of Florida, from rugged Maine and the golden shores of the Pacific, from the forests and cities of Canada and the perfume-laden shores of the Mexican Gulf—is a brilliant illustration of the sentiment of one of your writers that "the earth is your country, and the human race your nation."

We rejoice that you are with us; that you can, under our bright skies and in our inspiring atmosphere, renew your faith, and pledge once again your allegiance to the principles of "Friendship, Love and Truth."

If these sentiments could find a throne in every heart, if they could find expression in the daily acts of all men, they would put a new color into life, and a new light on the face of humanity. While we may not be members of your organization, no man can refrain from wishing success and prosperity to an Order whose strong hand has rescued the sinking, raised the fallen—has given strength to the weak and faith to the doubting.

Although the years of a single life can span the history of Odd Fellowship, it has a proud record of good work accomplished. Its mission has been to develop the higher and better impulses in man, to make him forget that which is sordid and selfish, until it becomes a pleasure to have an open hand for the hungry, to give solace to the afflicted and the hand of fellowship to the lowly.



From its infancy, its history tells us that this Order has ever been a rainbow of hope upon the shores of trouble and sorrow. The achievements of the past, the strength of the present, give promise of a successful future.

The sentiments of David and Jonathan and of the good Samaritan, which are symbolized in the life of the ideal Odd Fellow, are the sweetest and most beautiful which poetry, romance or inspiration has ever given for the delight and guidance of man.

We may live as we please, think as we will, but if in our souls manhood has a dwelling-place, we will find as much satisfaction in the smile which our kindness may bring to the face of some "Tiny Tim," or the thanks of some befriended orphan, or the consolation which our ministrations may have carried into the life of some stricken widow, as ever man received from the wielding of scepters or the wearing of crowns.

We may strive, contend and battle for the fruits of ambition and power, but the true grasp of some Jonathan's hand, the healing of the wound of some stricken mother, sends a richer thrill to our hearts and touches a deeper and truer fountain in our souls than all the bowing heads and purchased cheers that line the pathway of the mighty.

While our State has a warm welcome for all who come upon missions of peace and good-will, there is no one for whom Colorado has a kinder greeting than for your Order, which has so many worthy disciples in our midst. Your Brothers are to be found in every rank of Colorado life. They have contributed their wisdom, courage and industry toward the building up of our great State, and while they may have bowed at the same altars at which you worship, and be linked to you with the mystic ties that surround your ceremonies and Lodges, still they can have no kinder greeting for you to-day than has every true citizen of our State. While we may be ignorant of your Ritual, and a stranger to the symbolic mysteries of your Lodge-room, our friendship and regard are just as warm and sincere as though we had pledged allegiance at your shrines, and had simulated the character of David, or of the nameless man who laid and suffered by the Jericho road.

Of the many emblems which symbolize the principles of your Order, there is one which gives a luster and glory to all, and that is the All-seeing Eye of God. It tells of reliance upon divine wisdom and authority. It tells of faith in Him who made the mountains and the seas, and who planted in the breast of man the sentiments of friendship, love, truth, fraternity—Brotherhood.

Look to the great seal of Colorado and there you will find the same All-seeing Eye, crowning with its rays of glory and light the seal of that State, whose motto is "Nothing without God." Between a great Order and a great State, whose pathways are lighted by the same divine sentiment, there should be full sympathy and harmony.

The greeting we have given to the Brothers extends as well to the ladies who came with them. We realize that while man may be good, he is better when woman is by his side. While he may be strong alone, he is stronger when he has her sympathy and aid. For you all we wish the fullest measure of comfort, happiness and satisfaction while in our land of plains and mountains.

May you carry home with you only pleasant memories of Colorado and her people. May the links of Friendship, Brotherhood and Fraternity which you have formed never be broken. May the sunshine which this visit may have brought into your lives never fade away.

HON. WILLIAM SCOTT LEE, Mayor of Denver, was then introduced by the chairman, and spoke as follows:

#### THE ADDRESS OF THE MAYOR.

GENTLEMEN—I regret that I am not a member of your excellent Order, that I might be able to get closer to you in my words of welcome. Of course we are delighted to receive so many of the best people from all over the world. It



will do us good to have you here, and it is our desire that you may have every advantage while here for enjoying yourselves, that you may take away with you pleasant recollections of your visit to this, the most healthful, most promising city in America.

We have had the National Editorial Association here within the past week, and hardly a month passes but some great delegation from the East visits us, which invariably tell us we are the finest young city in the land, but, like the average Eastern society belle, who has a new beau on each succeeding night, we are willing that you should put your arm about our waist and whisper again the old story about our natural beauty and taste the sweet nectar of our Colorado air.

It is a matter of no surprise that an institution like yours, whose avowed mission is to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, educate the orphan, bury the dead; which can look back so many years upon its records, and say it has kept its obligations and fulfilled all its promises, is growing stronger—numerically and financially—every day as the years roll by.

One of your distinguished members informed me that, at your meeting of one year ago, reports were presented showing that, in the past twenty-two years, your Order had contributed nearly \$32,000,000 to benevolent purposes, and the amount paid into Subordinate Lodges amounted to over \$86,000,000. No other charitable or benevolent society contributed so much in aid of the Chicago fire sufferers in 1871 as the Odd Fellows did, amounting to \$131,000.

I am also informed that, at the time of the famine in Ireland, the first relief sent from this country was by the Odd Fellows, who chartered a vessel, and filled it with provisions and clothing; and, during the yellow fever epidemic, they sent in money, clothing, etc., so much in excess of what was needed, they were told to stop, and a large amount was returned from Memphis.

On the Canada Southern railroad, one bitter cold night, I took the lighting express from Detroit. We went thundering along at the rate of sixty miles an hour, for the train was late, when suddenly a rail snapped, and in less than a second the train went crashing down an embankment. Cars piled up, windows smashed, women screamed, men prayed. Fortunately the cars did not take fire, or there would have been another added to the long list of railroad horrors. In the car with me, a young man was caught in the timbers in such a way that for hours he was obliged to lay almost naked in the snow, with the cold winds blowing upon him. He was finally extricated more dead than alive and taken to the only car which remained upon the track. There was no fire there and he had but a few of his clothes left. We were all shivering with the cold, most of us more or less wounded, and we had all we could do to take care of ourselves, when I noticed a well-dressed old gentleman take off his own overcoat and tenderly put it around the young man to whom I have alluded. On arriving at the first human habitation he carried him to the fireside, where for hours he worked over him and saved his life. No father could have done more for a son. On inquiry, I learned that the young man was a poor brakeman and the old gentleman was a wealthy Eastern banker. I learned that they were both Odd Fellows, and in some mysterious way the young fellow had led the banker to discover it. After witnessing this incident I needed no other information as to whether or not the obligations of your noble Order have any practical value.

Mr. President, it seems to me that the words of HORACE GREELEY in regard to those great philanthropists, HOWARD and FRYE, could apply as truthfully to the members of this great Order. He said: "When the stately monuments of the mightiest conquerors shall have become shapeless and forgotten ruins, then shall the humble graves of those men still be freshened by the tears of fondly admiring millions, and the proudest epitaph shall be the simple entreaty, 'Write me as one who loved his fellow-men.'"

Gentlemen, as Mayor of Denver, I cheerfully extend to you the freedom of the city. If I can do anything for you, collectively or individually, do not hesitate to command me.



Bro. J. M. NORMAN, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, then delivered the following eloquent address, in place of the Hon. DAVID RINGLE, Grand Master of Colorado:

THE GRAND SECRETARY'S ADDRESS.

GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE—Agreeable indeed is the character of the duty assigned me at this hour, and as pleasing and flattering as distinguished the preference which selected me as the medium through which the Grand Master of Colorado brings greetings and bids you welcome.

We welcome you in the name of American Odd Fellowship. In behalf of that Order, the principles of which lived before the foundation of the world, as attributes of Deity itself, and which in truth, if not in name, have existed and been practiced and exemplified in the lives of good men, who have loved and trusted their fellows, wrought righteousness and toiled for humanity, in all ages and in every clime.

In the spirit of those principles which have lived and been recognized wherever men have been found who have devoted themselves to the happiness of their fellows, and sought to make men wiser, braver and better, and imbue them with the aspirations of a truly noble manhood, we welcome you; for of such as these are Odd Fellows.

All pure and unselfish, manly men may become Odd Fellows. All true Odd Fellows are men of purity, unselfishness and manliness. Though ours be an association whose work, to the purest of ends, must, of necessity, to some extent be secret, the meetings of its members exclusive, and its Lodges closed against all but recognized Brothers, who, by means of signs, grips and pass-words, pass in and out of Lodges, and know one another, yet it is not alone familiarity with the Secret Work of the Lodge or Camp that makes the Odd Fellow, nor alone by the sign, grip or pass-word that we recognize him. We see the world in the rank and file under the ensigns of our Order, the unlettered at the side of the learned, the feeble leaning upon the arm of the strong, the poor hand-in-hand with the rich, in a common field of friendship, a mutuality of love and a unity of truth. And this is Odd Fellowship.

We welcome you from that heart whose language is love, whose simple words, rebounding in joyous echoes from the mountain sides of high, holy ambition, live eternal through the valleys of life.

We bring greetings to you—for you—in the spirit of that ever-living charity which, in the symbolic language of our fellowship, meaneth rather the olive-branch of peace borne by the white-winged dove of brotherly love, than the alms-giving of philanthropy. That the records of our Order give the number of dollars thus expended from the millions, would be but an empty boast. For an estimate of the good accomplished through its gentler influence, we could seek only the chronicles of the recording angel, and search the bruised and bleeding hearts which have received the oil of consolation and felt its tender ministrations. To these, figures could add nothing, nor can the graces of oratory or the embellishments of rhetoric lend aught of beauty.

On behalf of Colorado, whose snow capped peaks, reaching out unto the sun-kissed heavens, as in an eternal benediction, and the beauties of whose sunset are best likened to the twilight of a true Odd Fellow's life, we welcome you.

In the name of all good Odd Fellows, the history of whose lives has been teachings to fraternity and truth, whose walks have been in love and friendship, whose existence, faith, and belief, hope; whose examples have been temperance and toleration; whose love, justice and charity; and in the sweet, sad, memory of the countless of our Brethren who are to-day sleeping peacefully by the camp-fire of the Grand Cantonment of the Supreme Grand Sire, and to whose sacred memory we have reared our hearts' cenotaphs of endearing love, as eternal as the mountains of Colorado, and as fadeless as the chosen flowers of Eden, we bring greetings, and in a communion of all these, we bid you welcome.



The band then rendered "Hail to the Chief," on the conclusion of which the chairman introduced the Grand Sire, saying:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—I desire to tell you that Mr. WHITE has won distinction outside of our Order. He is one of the most prominent and successful lawyers of his State. It is fitting at this time that I should introduce him to the people of this State rather than to the attending Odd Fellows, for to them he has long been known and by them he is respected and loved. I now have the honor of introducing to you the Grand Sire of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, Bro. JOHN H. WHITE.

THE GRAND SIRE'S ADDRESS.

MR CHAIRMAN, GRAND MASTER, GOVERNOR, MAYOR AND CITIZENS OF COLORADO—I am very sorry for your sakes that I have been introduced as I have been, for I fear that I shall not be able to realize the expectations raised by that introduction, and that I may fall short of what might be expected of one occupying the proud position of Grand Sire of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. My friend, I fear, does not know my history. I left my father's farm when I was only thirteen years old, and took upon my shoulders the burden of my own existence. Since then I have hoed my own row, such as it has been. I have had only a common-school education. I have not the wondrous gift of oratory of those who have preceded me, your governor, your mayor, and the Grand Secretary of your Grand Lodge. If I had I could paint in fitting, brilliant colors not only the excellencies of our great Order, but also the glories of your young State. I am only a plain, blunt man, not equal to brilliant displays of oratory, like those that have so charmed us this morning. I have never felt my inferiority in this respect so painfully as now. I wish I could respond to the elegant speeches of welcome, addressed to us, in fitting terms. But in the fullness of an overflowing heart, and in the name of the great Order that numbers in its membership over half a million of men and forty thousand women, I thank you for the flattering reception you have given us, and for the magnificent display you have made in our honor.

You may think that Colorado is not known in the East. But I tell you that the words "Colorado," "Red Rocks" are known wherever Odd Fellowship extends. They are known because the sovereign authority of the Order has put them forth. When the Sovereign Grand Lodge met in Boston, in 1886, the reception accorded its members, in magnificence and in display, exceeded anything ever before witnessed. But this is the first time that the Sovereign Grand Lodge, on the way to the place of meeting, has received a continual ovation from the beginning to the end of the journey. At the borders of Missouri we were received in a manner worthy of that great State. When we reached Kansas, there, too, the hand of welcome was extended to us. We were met on the confines of your State by your governor, and most cordially welcomed.

It may be necessary for me to tell you what kind of men the Odd Fellows are, because your governor and mayor, not belonging to the Order, were unable to give you that specific information. Odd Fellows do not strut about boasting of their greatness in wealth or their prominence in politics. They are plain, common, substantial men. Few of the millionaires of the country are in the Order. Those that are were not born with golden spoons in their mouths. They commenced by hoeing their own rows. They made their money in honest toil and industry. They are men of muscle and of brain. They have worked on the farm, in the shop, in the manufactory, in the office. They have worked, if not with their hands, with their brains. We indeed come to you with the trappings of our Order. We come with gold ornaments and with military display. Some wear swords by their side. But, Governor Adams, you need not call out your militia. They are a harmless crowd. They may utter a big "boo" to scare, but they will not hurt anybody. To you, Mr. Mayor, I will say that they are such a class of men that you need not double your police force. Your hen-roosts are safe. They will, however, take everything you may offer to give them, and being men of grateful hearts they will thank you.

It is time that this reception, pleasing and gratifying as it is, was brought to a close, for we have work on our hands to do, and we must attend to it. I will say to you when we meet in a city like this, a city that teems with industries, a city with magnificent public structures, with beautiful palaces among its homes, and with a grand opera house, all of which you, by your energy and enterprise, have built up, there is just one trouble—we are burdened with attentions. Yet we are pleased to receive them. They show the regard in which our Order is held. If I had heard your governor and mayor, without being able to see them, I should have said they were good Odd Fellows talking in an Odd Fellows' Lodge room. No organization has a monopoly of excellence, so I am willing to admit that all the good in the world is not in Odd Fellowship. In spite of the fact that your governor and mayor do not belong to our great beneficent Order, I can see that they have had teachings in its principles. If not lately, they certainly in their youth received teachings, perhaps from their mothers, in love and morality. Finally, I return to you most cordial and hearty thanks for the friendly reception you have extended to us. As long as we live the memory of Colorado and her red rocks will be held in kindly remembrance.

When the Grand Sire had concluded his remarks the band struck up the grand march, and the procession then re-formed and escorted the Sovereign Grand Lodge to the Chamber of Commerce.

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#### AT THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

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Arriving at the Chamber of Commerce, the Grand Representatives entered the hall without much ceremony, and took seats at desks provided for them.

President E. M. ASHLEY, of the Denver Chamber of Commerce, Grand Representative C. D. COBB, of Colorado, and Deputy Grand Sire UNDERWOOD took seats on the platform, by the side of the Grand Sire.

Grand Sire WHITE having called the Grand Lodge to order, Bro. C. D. COBB, chairman of the committee, said:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND MEMBERS OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE —I have the pleasure of introducing to you Hon. E. M. ASHLEY, President of the Chamber of Commerce, who will now welcome you in an address.

#### PRESIDENT ASHLEY'S REMARKS.

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND MEMBERS OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS—It seems unnecessary for me to say but a few words. You have heard from our mayor and our governor, and I can, probably, add little to what has been said. I noticed when the mayor referred to the young lady and her lover, you all acted as if you had been there. I can only say that we all welcome you to the Chamber of Commerce building, and give you a cordial greeting. I think it unnecessary for me to say more, beyond assuring you of this hearty welcome.

Grand Sire WHITE made an appropriate reply.



REUNION OF THE PAST GRAND REPRESENTATIVES AND THE  
SURVIVORS OF THE SESSION OF 1865,

AT THE TABOR GRAND OPERA HOUSE, DENVER, COLORADO,

*Monday Evening, September 19th, 1887.*

The Opera House was crowded, and the audience listened attentively and gave their hearty approval to the music and addresses, according to the following:

*PROGRAMME.*

1. American Overture, - - - - - Orchestra.
2. Prayer, - - - - - Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE,  
Grand Chaplain Sovereign Grand Lodge.
3. Quartette, - - - - - Miss JESSIE HARDY,  
Mrs. A. R. BICKNELL, Mr. JULIUS KOLB, Mr. JOHN HAMLET.
4. Address, - - - Hon. H. F. GAREY, Past Grand Sire and President.
5. The Days of '65, - - - Contributed by WM. H. BARNES,  
Past Grand Representative of California, formerly of Georgia.

*(Tune—Auld Lang Syne.)*

From North and South and East and West  
We gather here to day,  
To sing a song of '65,  
Long gone and passed away;  
We come once more to look upon  
The remnants of that corps,  
Who at the close of civil strife  
Communed at Baltimore.

CHORUS—Those days of '65, so dear,  
Those grand and noble days,  
For them and all their blessings rare  
Unto our God give praise.

Not war's alarms, nor shock of arms  
Sufficed to rend the tie  
Of those who were throughout the land  
Bound in fraternity;  
With joyous steps and grateful hearts  
Did every Brother come  
In '65, once more to meet  
In our fraternal home. [CHORUS.]

But many years, mid smiles and tears,  
Since then have passed away,  
And noble hearts that then took part  
Are not with us to-day.  
Their life work done they have gone on,  
And yet we here remain,  
To gather from the seed they sowed  
The harvest's golden grain. [CHORUS.]

Their memories dear are with us here  
 Beneath the mountain's shade;  
 They fearlessly, when summoned hence,  
 The Master's call obeyed.  
 They're waiting on the other shore  
 Until our work is done,  
 To reach to us a Brother's hand  
 And bid us "Welcome Home." [CHORUS.]

6. Address—"The Story of '65," - JAS. B. NICHOLSON, Past Grand Sire.
7. Quartette—"Lulaby of Life," - - - Miss JESSIE HARDY,  
 Mrs. A. R. BICKNELL, Mr. JULIUS KOLB, Mr. JOHN HAMLET.
8. Addresses, - - - JAS. P. SANDERS, Past Grand Sire,  
 J. W. STOKES, Past Grand Sire.
9. Plantation Echoes, - - - Orchestra.
10. Addresses, - - - ERIE J. LEECH, Past Grand Sire,  
 JOHN H. WHITE, Grand Sire, and others.
11. Duet—"I Feel Thy Angel Presence," - Miss JESSIE HARDY,  
 Mr. JOHN HAMLET.
12. Letters of Regrets from Absentees.
13. Reading Roll of Deceased.
14. Dirge, - - - Orchestra.
15. Odd Fellows' March, by Bro. O. H. RICHTER, - - - Orchestra.
16. Closing Ode.
17. Benediction.  
 WALTER G. DYE, Master of Ceremonies.  
 Mr. FREDRICK STEVENSON, Accompanist.  
 Music by RICHTER's Orchestra.

The following, of the survivors of the memorable session of 1865, were present: JAMES B. NICHOLSON, JOHN W. STOKES, Pennsylvania; JAMES P. SANDERS, New York; ERIE J. LEECH, Iowa; HENRY F. GAREY, Maryland; JOHN H. WHITE, New York; WALTER G. DYE, Minnesota; JOHN DONIPHAN, Missouri; THEODORE A. ROSS, New Jersey; WILLIAM F. SLATER, Ohio; L. M. CAMPBELL, Indiana.

#### THE GRAND PARADE, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22D.

"About 1 P. M. the officers, staffs and aids began to report at the Albany Hotel, to Lieutenant-General UNDERWOOD, of the Patriarchs Militant, but it was nearly 3 o'clock when the procession began to move, with the Opera House Band, RICHTER leader, with eighteen pieces, at the head. Lieutenant-General JOHN C. UNDERWOOD followed, with staff. General CHARLES A. CUSHMAN, of Massachusetts, commanding First Division, came next, with staff. Brigadier-General E. WILKERSON, commanding the Grand Department of the Mississippi, followed next, with staff. The generals and staffs were the finest body of men that ever rode at the head of a procession in this city. There were several regiments of Patriarchs Militant, numbering about 1,000 Chevaliers, in line, and the entire number in the procession was estimated at 3,000."



[From the "Rocky Mountain News," September 23d, 1887.]

#### PASSING IN REVIEW.

Forty thousand people watching 3,000 young and old men in gold lace, brilliant badges and medals of all colors and designs, and under waving banners and a dazzling sunlight.

And 40,000 cheers and plaudits as the 3,000 young and old men with the mystic symbols wheeled like a great wing from one thoroughfare to another.

It was as if a victorious army was returning from the last conquest, only this army was too orderly and neat, and the uniforms were brighter and more attractive than thrice victorious armies are prone to. Then there was an absence of trappings, beyond the medals of queer, and to the public inexplicable designs, which people intuitively believed had some affiliation with brotherly love, benevolence and all the kindred elements that are to be looked for in the better part of human nature. Of course an Odd Fellow knew what the symbols meant, and was proud to ornament himself with as many as possible. The ambition was not allied with a taste for display, but the medals were evidences of merit and esteem which held a place in his heart with his religious creed. "*Justitia Universalis*" conveyed to the public a vague idea that the Odd Fellows were just, and had painted it on their banners, and had it inscribed on their badges, so that the world might see and know, when the gentle breeze spread out the folds of the banner or the bright sunlight reflected on the badges, bringing out the words like a camera.

But people studied the detail of the countless emblems with indifference. They could not fathom the meaning if they would, and there were too many things to look at. The general view, with thousands of banners and flags and badges and dazzling gold lace, and the prancing horses and spirited music, and the honest glow of pride on the faces of the statesmen and yeomen at the affinity between them as they tramped through the dust side by side, furnished a picture in which the distinct features became merged into one grand panorama of brilliant colors and agreeable sounds.

It was the greatest parade that Denver has ever known, and the archives of the Sovereign Grand Lodge will not show a more triumphal one, or a more generous reception than that accorded to them.

Denver had on more than a holiday dress, and welcomed and applauded Grand Sire, Past Grand Sires, Grand Secretary, Grand Masters, Chevaliers and Patriarchs Militant, with the generosity of brothers in a common cause.

Every street of the half a dozen through which the parade passed was literally alive with people, and the estimate of 40,000 is not by any means exaggerating.

Of the 40,000 probably one-fifth were strangers. They came from everywhere, and it is safe to say that every city, town and village in the State was represented in the seething mass that swayed hither and thither on the restless tide that controls multitudes large and small. They began coming into the city on Tuesday and were coming while the 40,000 were applauding the passing show. It appeared as though the whole State had taken a day off and were coming to Denver to spend it with the others who had come before, and were crowding and crushing through the streets, and in windows, and in doors, and in fact wherever there was a foothold or a chance to see anything. Every man felt it to be his duty to be in the streets and applaud the visitors, and most of them took along their wives and children, or mother, sister or sweetheart, to help. They were brilliantly successful, and the Odd Fellows will no doubt believe that Denver can produce as appreciative an audience as any other city in America, and as large a one.

There was a flag or a banner or an emblem for every person. Never has the city displayed so much bunting on any occasion. Every residence, store or institution on the line of march displayed some kind of a decoration, and the fronts of the buildings on Larimer and Sixteenth streets were covered with



them, so that very little of the edifice itself could be seen. There was color on every hand, and, in the bright sunlight of a typical Colorado day, the city was fair to look upon, and the glitter of uniforms only heightened the effect of a beautiful picture which every face of the 40,000 reflected with pride. The uniformed bodies formed into crosses, etc., and performed picturesque evolutions eliciting the most generous applause. The parade was an hour in passing a given point, and there was the greatest enthusiasm at every step. The dozen bands of music vied with each other in sounding the patriotic airs the loudest, and the cheers of the crowd encouraged them in this noble ambition. There were few delays after the parade started, which was at 2:45, and by 6 o'clock the participants were mingling with the crowds in the streets.

[From "The Denver Republican," September 23d, 1887.]

#### THE BIG PARADE.

##### *Fifty Thousand People See the Odd Fellows' Display.*

The Odd Fellows had the freedom of the city yesterday. It was the culmination of the great gathering in Denver. More than 50,000 persons witnessed the parade, and their enthusiasm was unbounded. Brighter sunlight never shone, nor were purer, balmy breezes ever wafted over the Queen City than blessed Denver yesterday, when our citizens witnessed and cheered the grand parade of the Odd Fellows. And it was worth going hundreds of miles to see, and deserved all the acclamations of praise. Two miles long, glittering and musical, forty-three organizations following each other in military precision, it was indeed an inspiring spectacle. Representatives of the whole nation were in line. Colorado and her neighbors furnished many, but as many more had come from the wave-beaten shores of the Atlantic, the fruitful Middle States, the pine-crowned North and sunny South, and the vine-clad slopes of the golden West. Men of note in the nation's councils; men of shrewd financial acumen, who have made life profitable; men of high professional note and the brawn and sinew of the arts industrial were marching side by side, and joining proudly in public display of their allegiance to an Order which unites them in the bonds of "Friendship, Love and Truth."

Along the whole three and a half miles a mass of humanity lined the way. The scene was inspiring and beautiful. Down the street, in the warm autumn sunshine, came the mounted body of the Patriarchs Militant, their sabres flashing, their plumes waving proudly. Slowly the horses stepped, and proudly they arched their necks as if they, too, appreciated the dignity of the occasion. Their riders sat them grandly. The cavalcade would have done honor to the proudest city in the world. For blocks together stretched that shining line of mounted horsemen, so like the ancient knights in their picturesque garb, and in the dignity of their demeanor. It was a magnificent sight for the sun to shine on; a splendid pageant, which the early autumn weather mellowed and put into thorough harmony with the landscape. The streets were filled, and it was a continuous ovation to the thousand brilliantly uniformed Chevaliers. Handkerchiefs fluttered in the hands of fair ladies, and men waved their hats to accentuate their applause. The flags were of the most elaborate description, being for the most part elegant satin banners, richly wrought with the emblems of the Order. At the review, after the procession, the evolutions of the Cantons were executed with military precision. The display was pleasing, and by many considered the best which had been afforded during the entire day. It was the last and brightest jewel in the crown of parade which the Odd Fellows won for themselves yesterday.



## ENTERTAINMENTS TO THE LADIES AND VISITORS.

A CARRIAGE RIDE TO MONTCLAIR, PRESENT OF A LOT TO THE ODD FELLOWS,  
EXCURSION TO COLORADO SPRINGS, ETC.

An elegant diversion from the fixed programme of entertainments was afforded on Monday afternoon, 19th, in the carriage drive to Montclair, tendered by BARON VON RICHTHOFEN to 200 of the Odd Fellows' ladies. The best carriages in the city were filled at the Windsor and Albany, and on arriving at the BARON VON RICHTHOFEN's new residence, at Montclair, which is built in imitation of a German castle, Dr. NORMAN presented the guests to the baron and his wife. A collation was served, a band discoursed music from the top of the building, and the ladies strolled over the grounds and flower gardens. Mr. LEET was especially active in distributing a handsome souvenir poem extolling Colfax avenue and Montclair, and a bird's-eye view of the section, and in explaining to groups of ladies that the improvements they beheld were the creation of the present season only.

BARON VON RICHTHOFEN, in a neat speech, presented the local Order, through Dr. NORMAN as trustee, with a 50x150-foot lot, elegantly located, for the Montclair Odd Fellows' Lodge.

Dr. NORMAN, in a few happy remarks, responded amid the plaudits of the throng.

The sky was bright, excepting a storm which was on exhibition over Mount Evans, sixty miles away. A mountain view of over three hundred miles was had, and all the ladies expressed themselves as being delighted with the panorama spread before them.

On Tuesday, 20th, the ladies accepted an invitation to visit Manitou, and at 9 A. M. the train, containing about 400 persons, left the depot in Denver. Arriving at Colorado Springs, the party was courteously received by members of Pike's Peak Lodge, No. 38, and escorted to their hall, where they were received by a committee of the Lodge and their ladies. A bounteous lunch was served by the Sisters of the Rebekah Degree Lodge; addresses were delivered by Hon. JOHN CAMPBELL, State Senator, on behalf of the mayor, welcoming the visitors to Colorado Springs, and others, and some choice music was well rendered by a quartette. On the conclusion of the exercises in the Lodge-room, carriages were provided and the ladies were treated to a drive through the Garden of the Gods, Glen Eyrie, Rainbow Falls, Iron Springs and Manitou. The delight of the party was unbounded, and the excursion was pronounced by all a delightful entertainment.

The afternoon of Wednesday, 21st, was devoted to a prize drill of several Cantons of Patriarchs Militant, and the exhibition was witnessed by an assemblage of about 5,000 persons. In the evening an entertainment was given by the Flambeau Club, of Topeka, Kansas, and the Cantons of Patriarchs Militant.

On Friday, 23d, more than 300 visitors, about 100 of them ladies, left Denver for Leadville, Buena Vista, the Alpine Pass, Gunnison and Colorado Springs.

At 10 A. M., in front of the Chamber of Commerce, prizes were awarded to the Cantons that competed in the drill on the 21st, viz: *First* to Canton Excelsior, No. 7, of Chicago, Illinois; *second* to Canton Arapahoe, No. 1, of Denver, Colorado; *third* to Canton Clay Center, No. 8, of Clay Center, Kansas.

During the week the members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, ladies and visiting members of the Order, were the recipients of numerous attentions from the Knights Templar of Denver, who had erected a commodious tent for the entertainment of visitors, and, indeed, the citizens generally were untiring in their exertions to make the 1887 session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge a memorable occasion.

AUSTRALASIA.

Bro. J. C. SMITH, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Australasia, with letter of October 3d, received November 4th, 1887, forwarded corrected statistics to December 31st, 1886. The aggregates, changed from the tables on page 10,762, are as follows:

Number of Lodges.....	193
Number of members.....	15,687
Funds of Grand Lodges.....	\$163,995 10
Funds of Subordinate Lodges.....	290,033 30
Sick allowance to members.....	54,178 22
Funeral allowance.....	14,658 75
Buried, members, 116; wives of members, 63.	

The Grand Lodge of South Australia made returns to June 30th, 1887, and reports 33 adult and 12 juvenile Lodges.

Bro. F. MEYENDORF, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, with letter of August 28th, 1887, transmitted the following:

*Statistics of the Order in Germany, June 30th, 1887.*

GRAND LODGES.	Subordinate Lodges.	Members June 30th, 1886.	Decrease.	Increase.	Members June 30th, 1887.	Total relief.	Receipts.
Brandenburg.....	12	544	86	110	568	\$1,214 74	\$5,947 00
Hannover .....	6	243	23	23	243	243 25	2,960 08
Saxony.....	4	254	11	10	253	272 50	2,458 27
Silesia-Posen .....	4	210	14	26	222	410 48	2,579 11
Wurttemberg.....	10	378	54	72	396	701 12	4,017 35
Under G. L. of G. E..	8	206	28	72	250	146 88	3,250 88
	44	1,835	216	313	1,932	\$2,988 97	\$21,212 69
Encampments.....	4	150	6	19	163	50 30	329 82
						\$3,039 27	\$21,542 51



## STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

In Force September, 1887.

1. *Resolved*, That the time for the sessions of this Grand Lodge will be, to meet at nine o'clock A. M., and adjourn at two o'clock P. M. (1874, page 6193.)

2. *Resolved*, That the members of the Order who have attained the proper rank may be admitted within the Lodge during its deliberations, when vouched for and introduced to the Guardian by the Representatives respectively from the State jurisdictions to which the visitors may be attached, and no Representative is authorized to vouch for any visitor unless he is in good standing in his Lodge and Encampment, is a Past Grand, and in possession of the Royal Purple Degree, and by being a Past Grand is meant having the Grand Lodge Degree. (1871, pages 4993, 5185, 5222.)

3. *Resolved*, That the Books of Diagrams and Secret Work be placed in the hands of the Deputy Grand Sire, for the use and benefit of the Representatives. (1862, page 3419.)

4. *Resolved*, That the Deputy Grand Sire, until further ordered, shall be authorized, at each session of this Body, to employ a suitable and competent Brother to assist him in taking care of said Work, and who shall, under his direction, supply the members of this Sovereign Grand Lodge with the use of the said Work. And the person so employed shall receive a suitable compensation for his services, to be determined by the Committee on Finance. (1883, page 9440.)

5. *Resolved*, That in order that all the Representatives may have an opportunity of examining the Secret Journals and Books of Diagrams, the Deputy Grand Sire be and he is hereby instructed to limit each and every jurisdiction to one half hour for the inspection of said books. (1883, page 9439.)

6. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to have printed hereafter, and furnish to each Past Grand Sire, Officer and Representative present at the session, fifteen copies of the reports of Grand Officers and the Daily Journal, and one additional copy for every five hundred members of the several jurisdictions; *provided, however*, that not more than one hundred extra copies shall be allowed to any jurisdiction. (1883, page 9414.)

7. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized to close their books on the 20th day of August in each year, and report the financial operations to and including the day named. (1883, page 9450.)

8. *Resolved*, That until otherwise ordered by this Grand Lodge, the Junior Past Grand Sire, if present at the session of this Grand Lodge during the term of his immediate successor, shall receive mileage and per diem. (1883, page 9393.)

9. *Resolved*, That hereafter no vote shall be taken on any motion or resolution required to be submitted in writing, until the same has been read in full from the desk of the Grand Secretary. (1874, page 6219.)

10. *Resolved*, That Grand Lodges, Grand Encampments, and all Subordinate Lodges and Encampments subordinate to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in submitting their Constitutions, or amendments thereof, to this Grand Body for approval, shall be required, first, to furnish the Grand Secretary a complete copy of their Constitutions, with all amendments thereto, accompanied with a certificate from the Grand Lodge or



Grand Encampment, or Subordinate Lodge or Encampment (when such Lodge or Encampment may be under the immediate jurisdiction of this Sovereign Grand Lodge), attested by the Secretary, and the seal of the Grand Body or Subordinate attached. (1870, page 4929.)

11. *Resolved*, That the compensation allowed committeemen, who may render services for this Grand Body during the recess, shall be three dollars each per day while actually in session, and four cents per mile traveled to and from the place of meeting, to be computed by the nearest route usually traveled to such place, but no salaried officer of this Grand Body shall receive any per diem compensation for said services. (1878, pages 7789, 7864.)

12. *Resolved*, That hereafter all laws sent to this Grand Lodge for approval shall bear the seal of the Body adopting them, and all documents without a seal (where the Body has one) shall be returned without consideration. (1872, pages 5518, 5547.)

13. *Resolved*, That the Grand Sire shall appoint a Committee on Appeals two months prior to each Communication, to consist of nine members, which committee shall meet on the Wednesday preceding the meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and consider such appeals as may be presented to them; and no appeal shall be considered by the committee except by direction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, unless filed with the Grand Secretary by the first day of the meeting of the committee; and the Grand Secretary shall, upon receipt thereof, forward the same to the chairman of the committee. (1879, page 8184.)

14. *Resolved*, That appellants must furnish two hundred copies of all appeal papers as required by the legislation of 1855 and the legislation of 1875, found on page 6562 of the Journal. (1885, page 10,049.)

15. *Resolved*, That as under the organic construction of the Order, this Grand Body possesses only such means as will enable it to exist with financial credit to itself, it is inexpedient and improper to make *donations* of any character, books, supplies, money, etc., not immediately appertaining to it and its necessities; furthermore, be it

*Resolved*, That the foregoing resolution is considered as a standing rule that shall not be altered or repealed except by a *two-thirds* vote of this Grand Lodge. (1876, pages 7028, 7079.)

16. *Resolved*, That the printer of the Daily Journal be interdicted by the proper officers of the Grand Lodge from permitting any person to have access to the manuscripts or matter intrusted to his care, that he is to regard the matter as *private*, and no one shall be allowed to copy or make extracts therefrom, but every copy printed should be placed in the hands of the officers of the Grand Lodge. (1877, page 7413.)

17. *Resolved*, That when an amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws of this Body is proposed, the section proposed to be amended shall be set forth at length in the resolution proposing the amendment, as it would read should the proposed amendment be adopted. (1877, page 7424.)

18. *Resolved*, That a sub-committee of the Committee on Finance, consisting of not less than two of the members residing nearest the city of Baltimore, be appointed to examine the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary; such examination to be made within one week prior to the commencement of each annual session.

*Resolved*, That to this end it is suggested that the Grand Sire appoint the Committee on Finance, or so many of its members as may be consistent, prior to the close of the annual session, instead of the commencement of the same, as has been the prevailing custom. (1877, page 7503.)

19. WHEREAS, Article XXI. of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, provides that any amendment to that instrument, "if agreed to by a vote of three-fourths of the members present on a call of the yeas and nays," shall become part of such Constitution;

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that in contemplation



of said constitutional provision, no member can be deemed "present on a call of the yeas and nays," whose vote, or that of his colleague for him, does not appear upon the roll-call of the yeas and nays, or unless he is excused by vote of this Grand Lodge from voting. (1878, page 7891.)

20. *Resolved*, That hereafter the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary shall report only the names of deceased members of the Grand Lodge, and Past Grand Sires, in the event of their decease, and that Grand Representatives shall announce the deaths of Past Grand Representatives of their respective jurisdictions in fitting terms, without referring said notices to a committee. (1879, page 8188.)

21. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to forward to the post-office address of the several officers and members of this Grand Body, the balance of the copies of the Daily Journal that may be due them after adjournment. (1879, page 8188.)

22. *Resolved*, That hereafter every Grand Representative, before entering upon the discharge of his duties in the Sovereign Grand Lodge, shall subscribe and file with the Grand Secretary the following affirmation:

I, upon my honor as an Odd Fellow, declare that I am not now, and was not at the time of my election as Grand Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, a member of the Patriarchal Circle, by whatever name known, or of any secret organization, not authorized by this Order, that has ever had as a basis of qualification membership in this Order of Odd Fellows. (1885, page 10,129.)

23. *Resolved*, That all applications to open, rehear or review decisions of this Grand Lodge in appeal cases, whether by petition, memorial or otherwise, be prepared and forwarded to the Grand Secretary and under the same rules adopted by this Grand Body for appeals, and be sent to the Committee on Appeals. (1885, page 10,060.)

24. WHEREAS, There are many charitable, benevolent, fraternal, beneficiary and other enterprises which are subsidiary to the general purpose of this Order, and may or may not be in any manner within the control of any Lodge or Encampment, and therefore the good accomplished therefrom has never been in shape to append to the yearly statistics of our Order; be it, therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary is hereby requested to correspond during the coming fiscal year with the Grand Secretary of each Subordinate Grand Body, requesting full information respecting all independent or attached organizations of their respective Bodies having for their purpose the further benefits of fraternal associations, such as Odd Fellows' Homes, Odd Fellows' Orphan Asylums, Odd Fellows' Cemetery Associations, Odd Fellows' Veteran Associations and Odd Fellows' Beneficial Associations, and that the Grand Secretary furnish an abstract of the results, for the use and consideration of this Grand Body; and the Grand Secretary shall prepare and forward blank forms for such reports. (1885, page 10,078.)

25. *Resolved*, That the resolution adopted at the last session relative to gathering information and statistics in regard to charitable, benevolent, fraternal, beneficiary, and other enterprises subsidiary to the general purposes of the Order, be continued in force, from year to year, until otherwise ordered. (1886, page 10,516.)

26. WHEREAS, In the consideration of appeal cases by this Grand Lodge, it is often necessary, for a correct decision thereon, to refer to the organic laws of the jurisdiction; therefore,

*Resolved*, That in all appeals to this Grand Lodge, it shall be required of the appellants to send with their papers a certified copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of their Grand Body, of the Constitution for Subordinates, and of the By-Laws of the Subordinate Lodge or Encampment involved in the appeal. (1886, page, 10,481.)

27. WHEREAS, It is not only right and proper, but the very nature, spirit and desire of the Order demand that a day be set apart in each year on which its members may unite in solemn *Memorial Exercises* in behalf of their honored

dead, and it is believed that the most appropriate time for such service would be upon the 19th day of October, which day is that on which our Past Grand Sire WILDEY, who, after long years of earnest and successful work in our behalf, was gathered to his fathers; be it, therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Grand Sire, in conjunction with the Grand Secretary, is hereby instructed to issue a proclamation annually, at least sixty days prior to October 19th, containing the purport of this preamble and resolution, requesting all Subordinate Lodges to assemble on the day above named and engage in appropriate memorial exercises respecting their deceased members, such exercises to be conducted in a manner appropriate to the occasion. Said proclamation shall embrace the names of such officers and members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and past officers and members, if any, who died during the term herein named. This resolution to take effect in the year 1887; *provided*, *however*, that if a different day be more convenient for any Lodge to hold such Memorial Service, such Lodge may select the day. (1886, page 10,517.)

28. *Resolved*, That the several Grand Bodies, and Lodges and Encampments subordinate to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, be required to report to this Grand Lodge: 1st. The number of schools and colleges under their control. 2d. The number of children attending the same. 3d. The number of children kept at other schools not under the control of the Order. And 4th. The amount paid out per term on account of the same. (1886, page 10,508.)

29. *Resolved*, That the sum of five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as the Grand Sire may deem necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated annually, for the purpose of procuring clerical assistance for the Grand Sire, and the Grand Sire is authorized to draw his warrants on the Grand Treasurer, at such time and in such amounts as may be required. (1887, page 10,987.)



# Memories.



"There is a Reaper, whose name is Death,  
And, with his sickle keen,  
He reaps the bearded grain at a breath,  
And the flowers that grow between."—*Longfellow*.

"Composed in sufferings, and in joy sedate ;  
Good without noise, without pretension great :  
Just of thy word, in every thought sincere,  
Who knew no wish but what the world might hear :  
Of softest manners, unaffected mind,  
Lover of peace, and friend of human-kind !  
Go live ; for Heaven's eternal year is thine ;  
Go and exalt thy moral to divine."—*Pope*.

## IN MEMORIAM.

"Such men die not, but on the arms of love  
We who have felt their power and knew their care,  
Lift them to brighter skies and fairer scenes,  
Beyond the reach of earthly hope and fear."

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## DIED.

WILLIAM WALKER MOORE, the eleventh Past Grand Sire of the Order, and Past Grand Representative of the District of Columbia, at his residence in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, on the 23d day of December, 1886, aged eighty-three years.

"He leaves a spotless name, and his memory is revered by all of the Brethren of his jurisdiction."—*Journal*, 10,735.

"Faithful and true in all the relations of life, we may write without challenge, upon his tomb, in the broad sunlight of Heaven, that grandest of all tributes, 'Here lies an honest man.'"—*Journal*, 11,038.

"A most noble man and Brother has fallen—has passed beyond into the Great Temple of our Sublime Master on High; having ready the one essential Pass Word that will open to him the portals of the eternal city 'whose builder and maker is God.'"—*Journal*, 11,045.

WILSON SMALL, Past Grand Representative of New York, at his residence in the city of New York, on the 21st day of October, 1886, aged seventy-six years.

"He was a faithful Odd Fellow within and a genuine Brother without the Lodge. Whenever, and by whomsoever met, he was always the same—with the same kind word of greeting, earnest grasp of friendship, and pleasant smile of recognition. He lived as he died, a sincere and consistent Christian, a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. His religious life was quiet and unobtrusive in its character, but firm and constant in its faith in everlasting life, in the everliving God."—*Journal*, 10,735, 11,054.

ROBERT THOMPSON, Past Grand Representative of Tennessee, on the 29th day of November, 1886, aged sixty-one years.

"From his initiation to his death, he was enthusiastic in his devotion to the principles of our fraternity, and his memory will ever be green in the hearts of his Brethren."—*Journal*, 10,735, 11,038.

JAMES V. JONES, Past Grand Representative of Wisconsin, on the 6th day of January, 1887, aged fifty-nine years.

"He was a typical Odd Fellow, foremost in every good word and work. His sympathy for the distressed knew no bounds, and his death is deplored by the community in which he lived, not less than by the Order of which he was so bright an ornament."—*Journal*, 10,735, 11,038.



## IN MEMORIAM.

"Softly within their peaceful resting-place  
We lay their wearied limbs, and bid the clay  
Press lightly on them 'till the night is past,  
And the far east gives note of coming day."

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DAVID McDONALD, Past Grand Representative of, Wisconsin, on the 7th day of June, 1887, aged eighty-four years.

"He was one of the pioneers of Odd Fellowship in the Badger State, and was also a member of the now famous band who met at Baltimore in the session of 1865. He possessed the confidence and friendship of his Brethren in the fullest measure, and his death is felt by them as a personal loss."—*Journal*, 10,736, 11,038.

JOHN G. ROGERS, Past Grand Representative of Illinois, in the city of Chicago, Illinois, on the 10th day of January, 1887, aged sixty-nine years.

"He was truly a pure and an honest, upright man, and our Order has lost a bright star, that has been eclipsed by death. He was a good counselor, a genial companion, and a true Odd Fellow. He leaves behind him a record of purity of principle, of uprightness of character, and of integrity unexcelled. The example of his life is worthy of emulation."—*Journal*, 10,735, 11,046.

IRA DOE, Past Grand Representative of New Hampshire, on the 29th day of January, 1887, aged sixty years.

MARVIN T. TOTTINGHAM, Past Grand Representative of New Hampshire, on the 9th day of July, 1887, aged sixty-two years.

"These Brethren sought, in every honorable way, to serve their day and generation, and their memories will long be fondly cherished wherever they were known."—*Journal*, 10,735, 10,736, 11,038.

JOHN W. ORR, Past Grand Representative of New Jersey, at his residence, Jersey City, New Jersey, on the 3d day of March, 1887, aged seventy-one years.

"His heart was full of charity, and his friendship was sincere. His life proved that he loved his fellow-men, and had an abiding faith in the generous sentiments of humanity."—*Journal*, 10,735, 11,053.

H. J. CANNIFF, Past Grand Representative of Kansas, on the 10th day of April, 1887.

"With him originated the 'Kansas Odd Fellows' Funeral Aid Association,' through which hundreds of thousands of dollars have been paid to the widows and orphans of our jurisdiction."—*Journal*, 11,047.

## IN MEMORIAM.

"There's no such thing as death,  
To those who live aright;  
'Tis but the racer casting off  
What most impedes his flight."

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LEVI EMPIE, Past Grand Representative of Kansas, on the 10th day of April, 1887, aged seventy-one years.

"For over a quarter of a century he made the 'good of the Order' his special study, and gave his services to the promotion and inculcation of the principles of 'Friendship, Love and Truth.' To the younger members of our State Grand Body he was an adviser and a father, and to the senior members a Brother in the true sense of the word."—*Journal*, 10,736, 11,047.

H. D. McCARTY, Past Grand Representative of Kansas, on the 12th day of September, 1887.

"As an honest, upright, conscientious, Christian gentleman, no other man stood higher in the estimation of the people of Kansas than did Bro. McCARTY, and no other educator occupied a place nearer the hearts of the ten thousand teachers of our State than he did."—*Journal*, 11,047.

GIDEON F. TINDALL, Past Grand Representative of Delaware, in the city of St. Joseph, Missouri, on the 12th day of May, 1886, aged seventy-three years.

"His good words of counsel and advice, in Lodge and out of it, to younger members, were always freely given, in a true and old-time Christian method, like as a father would to a son who was needing mature advice upon going out into the world. We shall ever hold his memory in grateful esteem, and be thankful that these links in our fraternity were so firmly welded by so faithful, good and persistent a workman."—*Journal*, 11,041.

ROBERT B. McDONNELL, Past Grand Representative of Delaware, at his residence, in the city of Wilmington, Delaware, on the 1st day of July, 1887, aged eighty-two years.

"Like one entering the region of natural sleep, he passed away peacefully and quietly, without a struggle. He was modest in demeanor, mild in disposition, unassuming in manner, a persistent champion of the temperance cause, and an advocate of reforms generally."—*Journal*, 11,041.



## IN MEMORIAM.

"'Tis but a little act  
Life's drama must contain;  
One struggle keener than the rest,  
And then an end of pain."

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ALFRED HALL RANSOM, Past Grand Representative of Kentucky, on the 30th day of June, 1887, aged sixty-one years.

"He unvaryingly exemplified in his daily walk and conversation, in the Lodge-room and in his intercourse with the world at large, the sublime teachings and the cardinal virtues of Odd Fellowship, which were to him, dear as the apple of his eye; while from the inmost recesses of his generous heart issued a stream of genuine and tender sympathy for the poor in spirit, the afflicted and distressed, which effectively betokened a kind and noble nature. 'He was a bold, brave, good man'—kind as a man, a kind husband and father; kindly in all the relations of life."—*Journal*, 11,048.

JOHN B. NEALLEY, Past Grand Representative of Maine, at his residence, on the 28th day of November, 1886, aged seventy-seven years.

"He had passed the allotted time of man, three-score and ten, yet he was zealous in the work of our beloved Order, and always took a deep interest in its welfare. Honest in all his transactions in the various relations of life, he was an example for all connected with him to follow."—*Journal*, 11,049.

CALEB RAND, Past Grand Representative of Massachusetts, and Past Grand Marshal of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, at his residence in Charlestown, Massachusetts, on the 11th day of September, 1887, aged seventy years.

"One of the most faithful and devoted Odd Fellows. Gifted by nature with graceful speech, he was ever ready to use his eloquence in behalf of our Order, and for the advancement of the interests of his fellow-men. His record is—a noble-hearted Odd Fellow, a good citizen and a true Christian gentleman."—*Journal*, 11,049.

ROMAINE SHEIRE, Past Grand Representative of Minnesota, aged fifty-three years.

"In his demise, a tender husband, a kind father, an affectionate friend and an upright citizen, has passed from earth. The influence of his example in all the associations to which he belonged, and the purity of his character, had a good effect on his associates, who mourn his loss with sincere sorrow."—*Journal*, 11,050.

## IN MEMORIAM.

"So while their loss we mourn,  
Tears give relief;  
We rise above the clouds  
Of unbelief."

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JOSIAH MARVIN, Past Grand Representative of Minnesota, at Alstead, New Hampshire, on the 19th day of September, 1887, aged sixty-eight years.

"There have been but few in our Order, in any State, who have wielded such an influence over their Brethren, and used it so unselfishly. His constant thought seemed to be to do good to his fellow-men. His sympathies were always actively engaged to help some unfortunate Brother. His voice, in the Lodge-room, was always on the side of toleration, brotherly love and mutual aid, with the broadest charity for the erring and the tempted."—*Journal*, 11,052.

WILLIAM L. SMITH, Past Grand Representative of North Carolina, at his residence, in the city of Wilmington, North Carolina, on the 2d day of June, 1887, aged sixty-six years.

"He was punctual and correct in all matters pertaining to business, and in the discharge of the duties incident to the many offices of honor and trust which he held, he manifested a sterling integrity. He was loyal in his friendships, courteous and kind-hearted, honest and truthful, faithful and just, virtues for which he was highly appreciated as a citizen and Brother Odd Fellow."—*Journal*, 11,055.

E. L. BRISTOW, Past Grand Representative of Oregon, at his residence in the city of Salem, Oregon, on the 21st day of May, 1887, aged fifty-five years.

"Modest and retiring in his manner, he received the respect and love of all who knew him. In his business relations he was always careful to merit and maintain a reputation for the strictest integrity. Tenacious of his opinions, and forcible and earnest in their expression, yet was he cordial and warm-hearted to an extreme; the light of his eye and the clasp of his hand conveying assurance of his friendly regard and generous disposition."—*Journal*, 11,055.

JAMES A. HAYNIE, Past Grand Representative of Texas, at his residence in the city of Waco, Texas, on the 1st day of August, 1887, aged seventy-four years.

"Although he attained his three-score years and ten in 1883, and might well have claimed exemption from active labor in Subordinate and Grand Bodies, he continued to regularly attend and work in them with all the ardor of youth, tempered with the wisdom which comes from age and experience. No words are needed to recall his virtues and embalm his memory, for 'none knew him but to love him, none named him but to praise.'"—*Journal*, 11,056.



# AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Proposed at September Session, 1887.

*Resolved*, That Section 2, Article XVI., of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

SECTION 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males, of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of eighteen years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; *provided, however*, that when the applicant is not of lawful age, he shall first secure and present in writing, with his petition for membership, the consent of his father or legal guardian; *and provided further*, that in Australia, New Zealand, and other countries not on the continent of North America, in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualification as to age shall be left to local legislation. (Page 10,955.)

*Resolved*, That Section 4, Article I., of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, be amended so as to read as follows:

With the consent of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of a State, District or Territory, an appeal may be had by any Subordinate Lodge or Encampment to the Sovereign Grand Lodge; such consent, however, not being necessary when an expelled Lodge or Encampment, after having surrendered to its Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment all its effects, appeals from such decision. Appeals may also be heard from a member or members of a State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment from the decision thereof; but in all cases the decision of the State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall be final and conclusive until reversed by this Grand Lodge on a direct appeal therefrom. All appeals to the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall be subject to such general regulations as it may adopt. (Page 10,955.)

Amend Section 2, Article XVI., of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, by inserting after the word "age," in the eighth line thereof, the words "and color," so that the article shall read as follows:

ARTICLE XVI., SECTION 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; *provided, however*, that in Australia, New Zealand, and other countries not on the continent of North America, in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualifications as to age and color shall be left to local legislation. (Page 10,973.)

*Resolved*, That Article IX. of the Constitution of this Sovereign Grand Lodge be amended by striking out the whole of Section 2, and inserting the following:

SECTION 2. Grand Representatives shall be apportioned as follows, viz.: To every State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction fifteen hundred or less members in good standing, one Grand Representative; to every State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over fifteen hundred and not

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more than twenty-five thousand members in good standing, two Grand Representatives; to every State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over twenty-five thousand members in good standing, three Grand Representatives; and no State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have more than three Grand Representatives. (Page 10,998.)

*Resolved*, That Section 2, Article IX., of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended by striking out, in the fourth line, after the word "Representative," the words (fifth line) "State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment (sixth line), having under its jurisdiction over one thousand members in good (seventh line) standing, two Grand Representatives; and no State, District or (eighth line) Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have over (ninth line) two Grand Representatives," so that the Article will read as follows:

ARTICLE IX, SECTION 2. Grand Representatives shall be apportioned as follows, viz.: To every State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, having under its jurisdiction one thousand or less members in good standing, one Grand Representative; and no State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have over one Grand Representative. (Page 11,015.)



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           G. Encampment, *Joseph Oliver*, P. G. P.....Toronto.
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                   G. Lodge, *Francis M. Rea*, P. G. M.....Germantown.  
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                   G. Encampment, *Lester S. Hill*, P. G. P.....Providence.
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                   G. Encampment .....
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                   G. Encampment, *W. A. Barry*, P. G. Rep.....Nashville.
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           G. Lodge, *W. K. Makemson*, P. G. M.....Georgetown.  
           G. Encampment, Fred. Carleton, P. G. Rep.....Austin.
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           G. Encamp't, N. Ostrander, P. G. and P. H. P..Olympia.
- WEST VIRGINIA.—G. Lodge, Owen S. McKinney, P. G. M.....Grafton.  
           G. Lodge, *Wm. Ellingham*, P. G. M.....Wheeling.  
           G. Encampment, C. Shriver, P. G. P.....Bethany.
- WISCONSIN.—G. Lodge, Lewis Silber, P. G. Rep.....Milwaukee.  
           G. Lodge, *John G. Clark*, P. G. M.....Lancaster.  
           G. Encampment, Joseph Schroeder, P. G. P.....Racine.  
           G. Encampment, *Charles Kendall*, P. G. P.....Beloit.
- WYOMING.—G. Lodge, W. L. Kuykendall, P. G. M.....Cheyenne.  
           G. Encampment, Fred. Ruprecht, P. G. P.....Laramie.



## PAST GRAND SIREs.

- a. 1. THOMAS WILDEY, 1825-1833.....Baltimore, Maryland.
- b. 2. JAMES GETTYS, 1833-1835.....Georgetown, District of Columbia.
- c. 3. GEORGE KEYSER, 1835-1837.....Baltimore, Maryland.
- d. 4. SAMUEL H. PERKINS, 1837-1840....Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- e. 5. ZENAS B. GLAZIER, 1840-1841.....Wilmington, Delaware.
- f. 6. JOHN A. KENNEDY, 1841-1843..... New York City, New York.
- g. 7. HOWELL HOPKINS, 1843-1845.....Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
8. THOMAS SHERLOCK, 1845-1847.....Cincinnati, Ohio.
- h. 9. HORN R. KNEASS, 1847-1849.....Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- i. 10. ROBERT H. GRIFFIN, 1849-1851.....Savannah, Georgia.
- j. 11. WILLIAM W. MOORE, 1851-1853.....Washington, District of Columbia.
- k. 12. WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE, 1853-1855..Charleston, South Carolina.
- l. 13. WILLIAM ELLISON, 1855-1857.....Boston, Massachusetts.
- m. 14. GEORGE W. RACE, 1857-1858.....New Orleans, Louisiana.
15. SAMUEL CRAIGHEAD, 1858-1860.....Dayton, Ohio.
- n. 16. ROBERT B. BOYLSTON, 1860-1862....Winnsborough, South Carolina.
17. JAMES B. NICHOLSON, 1862-1864.. .Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- o. 18. ISAAC M. VEITCH, 1864-1866.....St. Louis, Missouri.
19. JAMES P. SANDERS, 1866-1868.....Yonkers, New York.
20. E. D. FARNSWORTH, 1868-1870.....San Francisco, California.
- p. 21. FREDERICK D. STUART, 1870-1872..Washington, District of Columbia.
22. CORNELIUS A. LOGAN, 1872-1874....Chicago, Illinois.
23. MILTON J. DURHAM, 1874-1876.....Danville, Kentucky.
24. JOHN W. STOKES, 1876-1878.....Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
25. JOHN B. HARMON, 1878-1880.....San Francisco, California.
- q. 26. LUTHER J. GLENN, 1880-1882.....Atlanta, Georgia.
27. ERIE J. LEECH, 1882-1884.....Keokuk, Iowa.
28. HENRY F. GAREY, 1884-1886.....Baltimore, Maryland.

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| a Died October 19th, 1861.   | i Died December 14th, 1855. |
| b Died August 15th, 1844.    | j Died December 23d, 1886.  |
| c Died September 19th, 1837. | k Died February 1st, 1886.  |
| d Died May 22d, 1874.        | l Died August 23d, 1877.    |
| e Died November 11th, 1858.  | m Died June 17th, 1881.     |
| f Died June 20th, 1873.      | n Died September 5th, 1865. |
| g Died June 5th, 1858.       | o Died May 22d, 1884.       |
| h Died December 12th, 1861.  | p Died January 25th, 1878.  |
| q Died June 9th, 1886.       |                             |

## PAST DEPUTY GRAND SIREs.

- JOHN WELCH, 1825-1829.....Maryland.
- THOMAS SCOTCHBURN, 1829-1833.....Maryland.
- ROBERT NEILSON, 1833-1835.....Maryland.
- JOHN PEARCE, 1835-1837.....Pennsylvania.
- FREDERICK LEISE, 1837-1840.....New York.
- WILLIAM W. MOORE, 1840-1841.....District of Columbia.
- HORN R. KNEASS, 1841-1843.....Pennsylvania.
- WILLIAM S. STEWART, 1843-1845.....Missouri.
- ALBERT CASE, 1845-1847.....South Carolina.
- NEWELL A. THOMPSON, 1847-1849.....Massachusetts.
- ASHER B. KELLOGG, 1849-1851.....Michigan.
- HERMAN L. PAGE, 1851-1853.....Wisconsin.
- HORACE A. MANCHESTER, 1853-1855.....Rhode Island.
- GEORGE W. RACE, 1855-1857.....Louisiana.
- TIMOTHY G. SENTER, 1857-1858.....New Hampshire.

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EDWARD H. FITZHUGH, 1858-1860.....	Virginia.
MILTON HERNDON, 1860-1862.....	Indiana.
WILLIAM H. YOUNG, 1862-1864.....	Maryland.
JAMES P. SANDERS, 1864-1866.....	New York.
E. D. FARNSWORTH, 1866-1868.....	Tennessee.
FREDERICK D. STUART, 1868-1870.....	District of Columbia.
CORNELIUS A. LOGAN, 1870-1872.....	Kansas.
MILTON J. DURHAM, 1872-1874.....	Kentucky.
JOHN W. STOKES, 1874-1876.....	Pennsylvania.
JOHN B. HARMON, 1876-1878.....	California.
LUTHER J. GLENN, 1878-1880.....	Georgia.
ERIE J. LEECH, 1880-1882.....	Iowa.
HENRY F. GAREY, 1882-1884.....	Maryland.
JOHN H. WHITE, 1884-1886.....	New York.

## DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND SIREs FOR THE YEAR 1888.

1. Alberta, Canada—GEORGE MURDOCH, P. G.....Calgary, Alberta, Canada.
2. Arizona—W. L. WHEPLEY, P. G. M.....Phoenix, Arizona.
3. Assiniboia, Canada—JOHN P. YOUNG, P. G. M.....Portage La Prairie, Manitoba, Canada.
4. British Columbia, Canada—RICHARD ROBERTS, P. G. M.....Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.
5. Chile, S. America—CARLOS J. HOLM, G. Treasurer.....Valparaiso, Chile, South America.
6. Cuba—JOSE ANTONIO LOPEZ, P. G.....Maloja 29, Havana, Cuba.
7. Denmark, Europe—J. HANSEN, P. G. Sec....Gl. Strand 44<sup>3</sup>, Copenhagen, Denmark, Europe.
8. France, Europe—L. LEFEBVRE, P. G.....99 Rue du Lycée, Havre, France, Europe.
9. Idaho—MONTIE B. GWINN, P. G. M.....Caldwell, Idaho.
10. Indian Territory—ROBERT W. CHURCH, P. G...Lehigh, Indian Territory.
11. Lower Prov., B. N. A.—ANDRE CUSHING, P. G. M.....St. John, New Brunswick, Canada.
12. Manitoba, Canada—H. J. RAYMER, P. G., P. C. P.....P. O. Box 604, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.
13. Mexico—W. J. DE GRESS, P. G. Rep.....Calle Industria No. 12, Apartado 322, City of Mexico, Mexico.
14. Netherlands, Europe—J. HEN, P. G.....Plantage Doklaan 5, Amsterdam, Holland, Europe.
15. New Mexico—A. C. SLOAN, G. M.....Las Vegas, New Mexico.
16. Peru, S. America—F. L. CROSBY, P. G., P. C. P.....Calle de Carabaya, (Bodegonas) No. 67, Lima, Peru, South America.
17. Quebec, Canada—HENRY A. JACKSON, P. G. Rep.....162 St. James St., Montreal, Canada.
18. Sandwich Islands—R. F. BICKERTON, P. D. D. G. S.....Honolulu, Sandwich Islands.
19. Saskatchewan, Canada—GEORGE MURDOCH, P. G.....Calgary, Alberta, Canada.
20. Sweden Europe—ANDREAS HOLCK, P. G. M.....Sophievej 5, Copenhagen, V, Denmark, Europe.
21. Switzerland, Europe—RUDOLPH WEBER, P. G. M.....Zurich, Switzerland, Europe.
22. Utah—F. H. AUERBACH, P. G. M.....Salt Lake City, Utah.



## GRAND LODGES.

JURISDICTION.	ANNUAL SESSION.	GRAND MASTER.	P. O. ADDRESS.	GRAND SECRETARY.	P. O. ADDRESS.
Alabama.....	{ Birmingham, Tuesday, May 8, 1888..... }	H. C. Weaver.....	Huntsville.....	W. A. Shields.....	Mobile.
Arizona.....	{ Prescott, Monday, April 2, 1888..... }	A. L. Grow.....	Tombstone.....	N. A. Morford.....	Phoenix.
Arkansas.....	{ Fort Smith, Tuesday, Oct. 23, 1888..... }	A. S. Jett.....	Fulton.....	Peter Brugman.....	Little Roek.
Australasia.....	{ Adelaide, S. A., Third Tuesday in May, 1890..... }	W. D. McKee, <i>G. Sire</i> ...	Bridge St., Ballarat.....	John C. Smith.....	{ I. O. O. F. Hall, Russell St., Melbourne, Victoria. }
New South Wales	Sydney, Tuesday, Feb. 14, 1888	Wm. Beaumont.....	{ 13 Victoria Terrace, Miller's Point, Sydney..... }	H. H. Greene.....	{ I. O. O. F. Hall, Sydney. }
New Zealand.....	Oamaru, Tuesday, Mar. 19, 1889	H. Naphthali.....	Napier.....	Wm. Reid.....	Dunedin.
South Australia...	{ Adelaide, Tuesday, Aug. 21, 1888..... }	Matthew Adams.....	Port Adelaide.....	Alfred Leane.....	Grote St., Adelaide.
Tasmania.....	Leven, Tuesday, Feb. 28, 1888..	F. H. Hays.....	Forth.....	G. Good.....	{ Canning St., Launceston. }
Victoria.....	Ballarat, Tuesday, Feb. 21, 1888	E. A. Collis.....	Park St., Collingwood..	Hugh Ross.....	{ I. O. O. F. Hall, Melbourne. }
British Columbia...	{ New Westminster, Wednesday, Feb. 8, 1888..... }	Joshua Davies.....	Victoria.....	Frederick Davey....	Box 481, Victoria.
California.....	{ San Francisco, Tuesday, May 8, 1888..... }	Elwood Bruner.....	Sacramento.....	W. B. Lyon.....	{ I. O. O. F. Hall, San Francisco. }
Chile.....	{ Valparaiso, Thursday, Mar. 15, 1888..... }	Thomas Julio Gonzalez	{ Office of the Mercurio, Valparaiso..... }	F. S. Leighton.....	{ Victoria 288 and 290, Valparaiso. }
Colorado.....	{ Colorado Springs, Tuesday, Oct. 16, 1888..... }	Joseph Mann.....	Golden.....	J. M. Norman.....	Denver.
Connecticut.....	{ New London, Wednesday, May 16, 1888..... }	B. S. Keith.....	Norwalk.....	Frederick Botsford..	{ Draw No. 5, New Haven. }
Dakota.....	{ Huron, Tuesday, May 15, 1888.. }	Abbott G. Smith.....	Spearfish.....	Ralph R. Briggs.....	Sioux Falls.
Delaware.....	{ Wilmington, Wednesday, Nov. 21, 1888..... }	John M. Whitford.....	Wilmington.....	Isaac W. Hallam....	Wilmington.
Denmark.....	{ Copenhagen, Monday, May 21, 1888..... }	Andreas Holek.....	{ Sophievej 5, Copenhagen V..... }	John Hansen.....	{ Gl Strand 44 <sup>3</sup> , Copenhagen. }

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JURISDICTION.	ANNUAL SESSION.	GRAND MASTER.	P. O. ADDRESS.	GRAND SECRETARY.	P. O. ADDRESS.
District Columbia...	{ Washington, Semi-annual, Wednesday, Jan. 11, 1888; Annual, Wednesday, July 11, 1888. .... }	Geo. E. Emmons.....	{ No. 916 F St., N. W., Washington..... }	Wm. P. Allan.....	{ No. 522 Sixth St., S. E., Washington. }
Florida.....	Orlando, Tuesday, Mar. 20, 1888	W. N. Baker.....	Jacksonville.....	{ Wm. M. McIn- tosh, Jr..... }	Tallahassee.
Georgia.....	{ Gainesville, Wednesday, Aug. 15, 1888. .... }	David Porter.....	Savannah.....	John G. Deitz.....	Macon.
German Empire....	—, Monday, Sept. 2, 1889....	F. Ascherson, <i>G. Stre...</i>	Berlin.....	F. Meyendorf.....	{ Admiral Str. 12, Ber- lin, S. O. }
Brandenburg.....	Berlin, Saturday, July 21, 1888.	Paul Gerlach.....	{ Kurfuersten St. 2, Ber- lin..... }	Paul Jubre.....	{ Old Jacob St. 128, Berlin, S. W. 13. }
Hannover.....	{ Hannover, Sunday, July 15, 1891..... }	R. Franz.....	{ Kirchwender St. 10a, Hannover..... }	Aug. Gohmaur.....	Hannover.
Saxony.....	Dresden, Sunday, July 15, 1889	Emil Backhaus.....	{ Kleine Bruedergasse St. 3, Dresden..... }	Otto Schenk.....	{ Freibergerstrasse 57, Dresden. }
Silesia-Posen.....	{ Waldenburg i Schl., July 14, 1888..... }	Gus. Goldschmidt.....	Breslau.....	Ed. Maiwald.....	Waldenburg i Schl.
Wurtemberg.....	Stuttgart, Sunday, July 8, 1889.	Paul Beckmann.....	Stuttgart.....	Christian Schwend	Stuttgart.
Idaho.....	Hailey, Tuesday, Oct. 9, 1888....	D. L. Badley.....	Caldwell.....	Leon Fuld.....	Box 234, Hailey.
Illinois.....	{ Springfield, Tuesday, Nov. 20, 1888..... }	George F. Howard.....	Paris.....	F. E. Huddle.....	Bloomington.
Indiana.....	{ Indianapolis, Semi-annual, Wednesday, May, 16, 1888; Annual, Wednesday, Nov. 21, 1888. .... }	L. T. Michener.....	Indianapolis.....	B. F. Foster.....	Indianapolis.
Iowa.....	{ Sioux City, Wednesday, Oct. 17, 1888. .... }	E. W. Hartman.....	Indianola.....	Wm. Garrett.....	Burlington.
Kansas.....	Salina, Tuesday, Oct. 9, 1888....	W. A. Cormany.....	Fort Scott.....	Samuel F. Burdett.	Leavenworth.
Kentucky.....	{ Louisville, Tuesday, Oct. 23, 1888..... }	A. J. Reed.....	Richmond.....	William White.....	Louisville.
Louisiana.....	{ New Orleans, Tuesday, Jan. 24, 1888. .... }	Jno. W. Adams.....	Draw 383, New Orleans	Jas. Furneaux.....	{ Draw 383, New Or- leans. }



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JURISDICTION.	ANNUAL SESSION.	GRAND MASTER.	P. O. ADDRESS.	GRAND SECRETARY.	P. O. ADDRESS.
Low. Prov., B. N. A	{ Windsor, N. S., Wednesday, Aug. 8, 1888. }	J. L. Stewart.....	Chatham, N. B.....	J. C. P. Frazee.....	Halifax, N. S.
Maine.....	{ Portland, Tuesday, Aug. 14, 1888. }	George W. Goss.....	Lewiston.....	Joshua Davis.....	Portland.
Manitoba.....	{ Winnipeg, Wednesday, Aug. 8, 1888. }	J. D. Bowley.....	Brandon.....	James D. Conklin...	Box 134, Winnipeg.
Maryland.....	{ Baltimore, Monday, April 16, 1888. }	James H. Downs.....	Baltimore.....	John M. Jones.....	Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	{ Boston, Semi-annual, Thursday, Feb. 9, 1888; Annual, Thursday, August 9, 1888. }	Robert W. Taber.....	New Bedford.....	Charles D. Cole.....	Boston.
Michigan.....	{ Lansing, Tuesday, Feb. 21, 1888 }	Silas S. Fallass.....	Cadillac.....	E. H. Whitney.....	Lansing.
Minnesota.....	{ Fergus Falls, Tuesday, June 5, 1888. }	J. C. Cockburn.....	Minneapolis.....	A. L. Bolton.....	{ Odd Fellows' Block, St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	{ Starkville, Tuesday, May 1, 1888. }	Wm. M. Strickland.....	Holly Springs.....	C. C. Ross.....	Okolona.
Missouri.....	{ Kansas City, Tuesday, May 15, 1888. }	Andrew Redheffer.....	St. Louis.....	E. M. Sloan.....	Box 496, St. Louis.
Montana.....	{ Butte City, Wednesday, Oct. 24, 1888. }	W. A. Means.....	Sheridan.....	A. J. White.....	Butte City.
Nebraska.....	{ Omaha, Wednesday, Oct. 17, 1888. }	George H. Cutting.....	Kearney.....	D. A. Cline.....	Lincoln.
Nevada.....	{ Reno, Tuesday, June 19, 1888. }	W. W. Rogers.....	Elko.....	B. F. Wallace.....	Box 262, Virginia City.
New Hampshire.....	{ Manchester, Wednesday, Oct. 10, 1888. }	Wm. O. Folsom.....	Henniker.....	Joseph Kidder.....	Manchester.
New Jersey.....	{ Trenton, Wednesday, Nov. 21, 1888. }	Joseph Greaves.....	Paterson.....	Lewis Parker.....	Trenton.
New Mexico.....	{ Albuquerque, Tuesday, Oct. 9, 1888. }	A. C. Sloan.....	Las Vegas.....	P. H. Kuhn.....	Santa Fe.
New York.....	{ Albany, Tuesday, Aug. 21, 1888 }	Fred. W. Cole.....	O. F. Hall, Albany.....	James Terwilliger..	{ No. 853 Broadway, New York City.
North Carolina.....	{ Greensboro, Tuesday, May 8, 1888. }	W. A. Bobbitt.....	Oxford.....	B. H. Woodell.....	Raleigh.

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JURISDICTION.	ANNUAL SESSION.	GRAND MASTER.	P. O. ADDRESS.	GRAND SECRETARY.	P. O. ADDRESS.
Ohio.....	{ Springfield, Tuesday, May 15, 1888..... }	J. Rufus Miles.....	Mount Gilead.....	W. Chidsey.....	Cincinnati.
Ontario.....	Barrie, Wednesday, Aug. 8, 1888	John R. Reid.....	Brockville.....	J. B. King.....	{ No. 42 King St. East, Toronto.
Oregon.....	{ Portland, Wednesday, May 16, 1888..... }	Henry E. Dosch.....	Portland.....	J. M. Bacon.....	Oregon City.
Pennsylvania.....	{ Allentown, Annual, Tuesday, May 15, 1888; Philadelphia, Semi-annual, Tuesday, Nov. 20, 1888..... }	John W. Haney.....	Pittsburgh.....	James B. Nicholson	{ No. 144 North Sixth St., Philadelphia.
Quebec.....	{ Montreal, Tuesday, Aug. 21, 1888..... }	Geo. L. Pinkham.....	Coaticook.....	Henry A. Jackson..	Box 518, Montreal.
Rhode Island.....	{ Providence, Annual, Tuesday, Feb. 7, 1888; Semi annual, Tuesday, Aug. 7, 1888..... }	Eugene H. Lincoln.....	{ No. 33 Westminster St., Providence..... }	Wm. H. T. Mosley..	{ No. 97 Weybosset St., Providence.
South Carolina.....	{ Newberry, Wednesday, May 2, 1888..... }	Gerhard Riecke.....	Charleston.....	Robert C. Starr.....	Charleston.
Switzerland.....	.....	Colestin Stadelmann..	Basle .....	Johann Graber.....	{ Schartlingasse 3, Basle.
Tennessee.....	{ Chattanooga, Wednesday, Oct. 17, 1888..... }	J. J. Coile.....	Mount Horeb.....	J. R. Harwell.....	Nashville.
Texas.....	Corsicana, Monday, Feb. 6, 1888	Henry Wagenfuhr.....	Columbus.....	T. L. Wren.....	Austin.
Utah.....	{ Salt Lake City, Tuesday, April 17, 1888..... }	J. J. Thomas.....	Salt Lake City.....	Louis Hyams.....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	{ Island Pond, Wednesday, Feb. 1, 1888..... }	W. D. Wilson.....	St. Albans.....	H. E. Parker.....	Bradford.
Virginia.....	{ Lynchburg, Tuesday, April 10, 1888..... }	A. A. Spitzer.....	Richmond.....	T. Wiley Davis.....	Richmond.
Washington.....	Colfax, Tuesday, May 8, 1888...	J. V. Meeker.....	Puyallup .....	Le F. A. Shaw.....	Walla Walla.
West Virginia.....	{ Huntington, Tuesday, Oct. 23, 1888..... }	George M. Fought.....	Parkersburg.....	Ellis A. Billingslea	Fairmont.
Wisconsin.....	Wausan, Tuesday, June 5, 1888	George B. Kidder.....	Star Prairie .....	L. B. Hills.....	Madison.
Wyoming.....	{ Laramie City, Tuesday, Oct. 16, 1888..... }	Charles T. Gale.....	Laramie City.....	W. H. Amesbury....	{ Box 575, Laramie City.



## GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

JURISDICTION.	ANNUAL SESSION.	GRAND PATRIARCH.	P. O. ADDRESS.	GRAND SCRIBE.	P. O. ADDRESS.
Alabama.....	Birmingham, Wednesday, May 9, 1888	A. E. Coupee.....	Montgomery.....	Lee R. McKee.....	{ Lock Box 462, Mont- gomery. Little Rock.
Arkansas.....	Fort Smith, Tuesday, Oct. 23, 1888....	George W. Hurley..	Newport.....	Peter Brugman.....	.....
Australasia— N. South Wales	Sydney.....	.....	.....	G. Parsons.....	Hindmarsh.....
S. Australasia...	Adelaide, Friday, Feb. 24, 1888.....	Henry Anders.....	2 Pirie St., Adelaide..	W. R. Mason.....	{ Harcourt Parade, Richmond.
Victoria.....	Ballarat, Tuesday, Feb. 21, 1888.....	J. Brooke.....	Gipps St., Richmond.	W. B. Lyon.....	{ I. O. O. F. Hall, San Francisco.
California.....	San Francisco, Tuesday, Oct. 16, 1888	A. R. Lord.....	Nevada City.....	J. M. Norman.....	Denver.
Colorado.....	{ Colorado Springs, Monday, Oct. 15, 1888.....	N. J. Brodley.....	Rico.....	Frederick Botsford...	Draw 5, New Haven.
Connecticut.....	Danbury, Tuesday, Oct. 16, 1888.....	William H. Cox.....	New Haven.....	Ralph R. Briggs.....	Sioux Falls.
Dakota.....	Huron, Tuesday, May 15, 1888.....	T. A. Robinson.....	Sioux Falls.....	Edwin Hirst.....	{ No. 815 Orange St., Wilmington.
Delaware.....	Wilmington, Tuesday, Nov. 20, 1888..	Wm. J. Quigley.....	{ No. 313 Tatnall St., Wilmington.....	Joseph Burroughs....	{ No. 513 7th St., S. E., Washington.
District Columbia	{ Washington, Semi-annual, Tuesday, Jan. 17, 1888; Annual, Tuesday, July 17, 1888.....	T. Walter Fowler..	{ S. W. Cor. 10th and F Sts., Washington.	B. A. Meginniss.....	Tallahassee.
Florida.....	Orlando, Wednesday, March 21, 1888.	A. J. Fish.....	Tallahassee.....	John G. Deitz.....	Macon.
Georgia.....	Gainesville, Tuesday, Aug. 14, 1888...	Charles D. Russell.	Savannah.....	J. C. Smith.....	{ No. 65 Sibley St., Chicago.
Illinois.....	Springfield, Tuesday, Nov. 20, 1888...	D. L. Murdock.....	Fairbury.....	B. F. Foster.....	Indianapolis.
Indiana.....	Indianapolis, Tuesday, Nov. 20, 1888.	A. S. Milice.....	Warsaw.....	Wm. Garrett.....	Burlington.
Iowa.....	Sioux City, Tuesday, Oct. 16, 1888....	R. L. Tilton.....	Ottumwa.....	S. F. Burdett.....	Leavenworth.
Kansas.....	Fort Scott, Tuesday, Mar. 13, 1888....	E. S. Bertram.....	Council Grove.....	William White.....	Louisville.
Kentucky.....	Louisville, Wednesday, Oct. 24, 1888.	Thomas F. Rogers..	Mount Sterling.....	James Furneaux.....	{ Draw 383, New Or- leans.
Louisiana.....	New Orleans, Wednesday, Feb. 1, 1888	D. E. McDonald....	{ Draw 383, New Or- leans.....	Benjamin C. Stone...	Portland.
Maine.....	Portland, Wednesday, Aug. 15, 1888..	L. P. Woodbury.....	Lewiston.....	John M. Jones.....	Baltimore.
Maryland.....	Baltimore, Monday, Oct. 15, 1888.....	Charles I. Putts.....	Baltimore.....	Charles D. Cole.....	Boston.
Massachusetts...	Boston, Wednesday, Feb. 8, 1888.....	F. E. Merrinan....	Boston.....	E. H. Whitney.....	Lausang.
Michigan.....	Battle Creek, Wednesday, Feb. 8, 1888	John B. Alward....	Camden.....		

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JURISDICTION.	ANNUAL SESSION.	GRAND PATRIARCH.	P. O. ADDRESS.	GRAND SCRIBE.	P. O. ADDRESS.
Minnesota.....	St. Paul, Wednesday, Feb. 15, 1888....	Robert Stratton.....	Minneapolis.....	J. Fletcher Williams.	St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	Starkville, Tuesday, May 1, 1888.....	Emil Bonelli.....	Vicksburg.....	Isaac D. Blumenthal.	Holly Springs.
Missouri.....	Boonville, Tuesday, Nov. 20, 1888.....	T. B. Gannaway.....	Paris.....	E. M. Sloan.....	Box 496, St. Louis.
Montana.....	Butte City, Wednesday, Oct. 24, 1888..	John P. McCabe.....	Helena.....	A. J. White.....	Butte City.
Nebraska.....	Omaha, Tuesday, Oct. 16, 1888.....	J. S. Hoagland.....	North Platte.....	D. A. Cline.....	Lincoln.
Nevada.....	Reno, Monday, June 18, 1888.....	John Bowman.....	Reno.....	B. F. Wallace.....	Box 262, Virginia City.
New Hampshire..	Manchester, Tuesday, Oct. 9, 1888....	Wm. H. Lamprey.....	Laconia.....	Joseph Kidder.....	Manchester.
New Jersey.....	Trenton, Tuesday, Nov. 20, 1888.....	A. P. Vandegriff....	Haddonfield.....	Lewis Parker.....	Trenton.
New York.....	Elmira, Tuesday, Feb. 21, 1888.....	E. O. Caldwell.....	Poughkeepsie.....	James Terwilliger....	{ No. 853 Broadway, New York.
North Carolina...	Greensboro, Wednesday, May 9, 1888..	W. T. Mabry.....	Raleigh.....	T. W. Blake.....	Raleigh.
Ohio.....	Cleveland, Tuesday, May 1, 1888.....	Franklin Ellis.....	Troy.....	James Anderton.....	Dayton.
Ontario.....	Barrie, Tuesday, Aug. 7, 1888.....	John Sinclair.....	Petrolia.....	M. D. Dawson.....	London.
Oregon.....	Portland, Tuesday, May 15, 1888.....	R. M. Day.....	Eugene City.....	J. M. Bacon.....	Oregon City.
Pennsylvania.....	{ Allentown, Annual, Monday, May } 14, 1888; Philadelphia, Semi-an- nual, Monday, Nov. 19, 1888.....	John Levergood....	Lancaster.....	James B. Nicholson...	{ No. 144 N. Sixth St., Philadelphia.
Rhode Island.....	Providence, Wednesday, Mar. 7, 1888.	George W. Brown...	{ No. 189 South Main } St., Providence.....	Wm. H. T. Mosley....	{ No. 97 Weybosset St., Providence.
South Carolina....	Newberry, Tuesday, May 1, 1888.....	J. E. Meyer.....	Charleston.....	Robert C. Starr.....	Charleston.
Tennessee.....	Chattanooga, Tuesday, Oct. 16, 1888..	Wm. H. Wood.....	Lewisburg.....	J. R. Harwell.....	Nashville.
Texas.....	Corsicana, Monday, Feb. 6, 1888.....	J. W. Kincaid.....	Georgetown.....	L. F. De Lesdernier..	{ No. 238 Prairie St., Houston.
Vermont.....	Island Pond, Tuesday, Jan. 31, 1888..	J. H. Jones.....	Bradford.....	J. K. Egerton.....	Northfield.
Virginia.....	Hampton, Tuesday, June 5, 1888.....	W. D. Morris.....	Petersburg.....	A. T. Burr.....	Danville.
Washington.....	Colfax, Monday, May 7, 1888.....	W. W. Evans.....	{ Victoria, British Co- } lumbia.....	Le F. A. Shaw.....	Walla Walla.
West Virginia....	Huntington, Monday, Oct. 22, 1888...	Jacob Simpson.....	Huntington.....	H. A. Uthman.....	Wheeling.
Wisconsin.....	Waupaca, Tuesday, Feb. 28, 1888.....	J. H. Woodworth....	Waupaca.....	L. B. Hills.....	Madison.
Wyoming.....	Laramie City, Tuesday, Oct. 16, 1888.	H. D. Beemer.....	Laramie City.....	W. H. Amesbury.....	{ Box 575, Laramie City.



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- Special and Standing, appointed.....  
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## COMMITTEES, SPECIAL, REPORTS OF.

- No. 1. *On the Disposition of the Property Interests at Baltimore, and the Removal of the Grand Secretary's Office to Columbus, Ohio.*

The committee report that a meeting was held at Columbus, Ohio, on the 7th of March, 1887, all the members except the Grand Treasurer being present, at which time an agreement was entered into with the Trustees of the I. O. O. F. Temple for such alterations as were needed, and a deed of conveyance of the property described in the agreement; that the improvements required were completed, with the exception of the chandeliers in the large room; a deed of the property was presented and has been recorded in the records of Franklin county, Ohio. They also recite their instructions to the Grand Secretary concerning the property in Baltimore, and present the deed and the agreement with the Trustees. They state that "on July 1st, the offices of the Grand Body were fully transferred to and located in the city of Columbus, Ohio; the rooms are complete, centrally located, and in every way adapted to the uses intended." They suggest that "it might be of advantage to secure an act of incorporation from the Congress of the United States," and submit a resolution "that the resolution

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passed in 1858 (Journal, 3001) be rescinded, and that hereafter, when not otherwise ordered, the Sovereign Grand Lodge will hold its sessions in the city of Columbus, Ohio."

Report by Rep. Hedges, of Ohio, chairman..... 10,873

Considered and adopted ..... 10,903

No. 2. *On Distributing the Subjects of the Reports of Grand Officers to Appropriate Committees.*

The committee assign the several subjects in the reports of the Grand Sire, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Lieutenant-General to appropriate committees.

Report by Rep. Stevens, of Minnesota..... 10,899

Considered and adopted..... 10,899

No. 3. *On Transportation for Grand Representatives and the Fraternity to Denver.*

The chairman stated that "after the expenditure of both time and money, he obtained the lowest possible rates under the then existing circumstances. \* \* \* That he has accomplished the object sought, he believes the results will fully establish."

Report by Rep. Ellis, of Illinois, chairman..... 10,906

No. 4. *On Dues and Benefits*

The committee deem it unnecessary to submit further data or "reiterate the arguments so often urged in favor of establishing our beneficial system on a substantial financial basis;" believe that the Sovereign Grand Lodge should at some time compel the adoption of sound business regulations by all its Subordinates. The committee submit the following:

"That a pamphlet, not exceeding twenty pages, be prepared, containing extracts from the various reports of Special Committees on Dues and Benefits, and that a copy be sent to each Subordinate Lodge, together with a circular directing that action be taken thereon.

"That your committee be continued, and that the Grand Sire fill any vacancies therein."

Report by Rep. Campbell, of Ontario, chairman..... 10,952

Considered and adopted..... 11,005

No. 5. *On Endowment.*

The committee report on the memorial from the Grand Lodge of Nevada, "that while they recognize the fact that there is springing up in some of the jurisdictions a desire for an insurance or endowment feature as auxiliary to the I. O. O. F., \* \* \* they are not prepared, at this time, to indorse it."

They submit the following: "That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby directed to transmit to the various Grand Jurisdictions the following query: 'Does your Grand Jurisdiction favor an insurance or endowment department under the supervision and control of the Sovereign Grand Lodge?' And to further request that the various jurisdictions shall, if they see proper, instruct their Representatives in accordance with the action taken upon the query, whether favorable or otherwise."

Report by Rep. Crichlow, of Tennessee, chairman..... 10,972

Considered and not adopted ..... 11,025

No. 6. *On Endowment.*

The committee ask to be discharged from further consideration of the portion of report of the Grand Secretary relating to endowment, the subject being covered in another report of this committee.

Report by Rep. Hill, of Rhode Island..... 10,972

Considered and adopted..... 11,025



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- No. 7. *On the Argument of Samuel F. Gwinner, P. G. Rep., in the matter of T. B. Robinson.*

The committee report that, in their opinion, the argument "is not couched in parliamentary language, and should be excluded from the floor of this Grand Lodge." A resolution is submitted "that the printed argument of Past Grand Rep. Gwinner, in the case known as the T. B. Robinson case, be excluded from the floor of this Grand Lodge, and from its committees."

- Report by Rep. Semmes, of Alabama, chairman..... 10,974  
 Considered ..... 10,974  
 Consideration resumed and report adopted..... 10,975

- No. 8. *On Creating a Juvenile Order of Odd Fellows.*

The committee report that they "deem it very desirable that something be done to conserve to Odd Fellowship, the boys and young men not yet of sufficient age to enter our Order," and submit the following:

"That a committee be appointed, at this session, to prepare a Ritual, Constitution, By-Laws and necessary forms for such organization, and report the same at the next regular session of this Grand Body."

- Report by Rep. Holmes, of Iowa..... 11,037  
 Considered and indefinitely postponed ..... 11,037

- No. 9. *On the Death of Past Grand Sire Moore, and Past Grand Representatives.*

The committee refer to the death of Bro. William W. Moore, Past Grand Sire, and the Past Grand Representatives named in the Memorial Day Proclamation of the Grand Sire, paying a suitable tribute to the memory of each of the departed, and closing with "It would have been a grateful task to your committee to have set forth at length the virtues of these Brethren, who were shining lights in the firmament of Odd Fellowship, but forbear extended mention, as it is understood that the Representatives of the respective jurisdictions in which they died will pay fitting tributes to their memories," and submit the following:

"That the sympathies of this Grand Body are hereby tendered to the families of the departed Representatives, whose loss we so deeply lament.

"That this memorial be entered upon our Journal, and that suitable mourning tablets, in honor of the Brethren named herein, be printed in the Revised Journal of the present session."

- Report by Rep. Petty, of the District of Columbia, chairman..... 11,037  
 Considered and adopted..... 11,037

- No. 10. *On Thanks for Courtesies Extended During the Session.*

The committee say that "it is eminently proper that this Sovereign Grand Lodge should make fitting acknowledgment of its sincere appreciation of the manifold courtesies and open-handed hospitality of which its officers and members have been the recipients, while sojourning in the midst of the Odd Fellows of Colorado, and while en route to Denver; and should also acknowledge the many other courtesies and kindnesses incidental to the session;" and submit resolutions tendering the cordial and heartfelt thanks of the Sovereign Grand Lodge to the Odd Fellows and citizens of the city of Denver, and the State of Colorado; to the following chairmen of committees, viz.: C. D. Cobb, J. M. Norman, A. E. Gipson, A. W. Hogle,

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W. J. Fay, and to the individual members of the committees; to the Odd Fellows of Kansas and Missouri; to the Lodges at St. Louis, Kansas City, Topeka, Hutchinson and Garden City, and to the committees who had in charge the entertainment of this Grand Body; to the Brethren of Los Angeles, California, for their handsome donation of fruit, and to Pike's Peak Lodge, Colorado Springs, for the entertainment provided by them for the ladies; to His Excellency, Hon. Alva Adams, Governor of Colorado; His Honor, Wm. Scott Lee, Mayor of Denver; Hon. E. M. Ashley, President of the Board of Trade; David Ringle, Grand Master, and J. M. Norman, Grand Secretary, of Colorado; to the Board of Trade of the city of Denver; to the Knights Templar of the city of Denver; to the press of the city of Denver; to Lieutenant-General and Deputy Grand Sire John C. Underwood, and to G. Rep. J. Ward Ellis, chairman of the Special Committee; to the various railroads throughout the country for their reduction of fare; to the Cantons and Chevaliers of Patriarchs Militant, for their attendance and drill; to the Degree Team of Topeka.

Resolutions are also submitted:

"That the Grand Secretary is hereby directed to transmit complete sets of the Revised Journal, suitably bound, to the State Library of Colorado, the City Library of Denver, and the Board of Trade of the city of Denver.

"That copies of these resolutions be furnished by the Grand Secretary to the several parties above mentioned."

Report by Rep. Busbee, of North Carolina, chairman..... 11,039

Considered and unanimously adopted by a rising vote..... 11,040

## COMMITTEES, STANDING, REPORTS OF.

## APPEALS.

No. 1. *Alexander Morton vs. Grand Encampment of Delaware.*

Reynolds Encampment, No. 3, Delaware, refused to pay certain benefits claimed by Bro. Alexander Morton, and the action was sustained by the Grand Encampment. The committee say "it is manifest that the Encampment proceeded upon the theory that, under Section 3 of its By-Laws, the examination and conclusion reached by the two physicians appointed to examine Patriarch Morton September 24th, 1885, was *final*, not only upon his *then* condition, but also as to his condition the remainder of his life, if he complained of the same indisposition as in September, 1885. That though at that time the incipient stages of a disease, which he could *feel*, were upon him, but had not so far progressed as to be discovered by the examining physicians, and they so certify, yet should the disease *thereafter* assume such definite and manifest form as to be readily discovered by all who made the slightest examination, and absolutely disqualify him from performing any labor, the *first* examination is a bar to his right to benefits, and forecloses him for life from his right thereto. \* \* \* No such construction of Section 3 can be intelligently maintained." Resolutions are submitted reversing the decision of the Grand Encampment of Delaware and Reynolds Encampment, No. 3, sustaining the appeal, and directing the Grand Encampment to require "Reynolds Encampment, No. 3, to pay Alexander Morton benefits from the 22d day of December, 1885, until such time as, by investigation, of which he shall have notice, and at which he shall be heard, the Encampment shall determine that he has so



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far recovered from his difficulty as to be able to resume his usual business or otherwise earn a livelihood."

Report by Rep. Stebbins, of New York, chairman..... 10,854

Considered and postponed..... 10,901, 10,902

Considered again, the eighth paragraph corrected, and, as amended, adopted..... 10,962, 10,963

No. 2. *Alexander Morton vs. Grand Lodge of Delaware.*

This appeal was on account of benefits denied the appellant by Fairfax Lodge, No. 8, and the circumstances, as detailed by the committee, are similar to those named in Report No. 1. The action of the Lodge was sustained by the Committee on Appeals of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, and that Body referred the subject to a Special Committee, which committee reported a resolution directing Fairfax Lodge to re-open the case, etc. When the report of the Committee on Appeals came before the Grand Lodge a motion was made to substitute the resolution of the Special Committee for that of the Committee on Appeals. "The Grand Master ruled the resolution, offered as a substitute, out of order, as it was, in effect, an attempt, by resolution, to change a law enacted by the Grand Lodge, which could not be done by resolution." Under this ruling the report of the Committee on Appeals was adopted.

The committee say "the Lodge erred in not receiving and acting upon the new evidence, as upon a new case, and the Appeals Committee, in like manner, erred in sustaining the action of the Lodge. \* \* \* His (Bro. Morton's) communication and the accompanying certificates, presented to the Lodge November 20th, 1885, should have been received and acted upon by the Lodge at that time, and if not satisfied with them, further examination should then have been made. As such examination cannot, after this lapse of time, be made, they must be held to establish the fact of his then condition." The following are submitted:

"*Resolved*, That the decision of the Grand Lodge of Delaware and of Fairfax Lodge, No. 8, be reversed, and that the appeal of Alexander Morton be sustained.

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Delaware direct Fairfax Lodge, No. 8, to pay to Alexander Morton benefits from the 20th day of November, 1885, until such time as, by an investigation, of which he shall have notice, and at which he shall be heard, the Lodge shall determine that he has so far recovered from his difficulty as to be enabled to pursue his usual business or otherwise earn a livelihood."

Report by Rep. Stebbins, of New York, chairman..... 10,856

Considered and postponed..... 10,902

Considered again, and adopted..... 10,963

No. 3. *Charles Jacobs vs. Grand Lodge of California.*

January 28th, 1886, the appellant applied for membership, by deposit of card, in Lodge No 44, and on the 4th of February was balloted for and rejected. The application was renewed February 18th, and as directed by the Lodge, the committee reported the same evening, the candidate was elected, introduced, signed the Constitution, and took his seat as a member of the Lodge. A member of the Lodge appealed to the D. D. Grand Master, who reversed the action and directed the Lodge to refund the candidate his fee and return him his card. On appeal, the Grand Master sustained the District Deputy,

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and the Grand Lodge of California sustained the Grand Master, and "ordered another committee of investigation on the application of Bro. Jacobs, in Mokelumne Lodge, No 44. The committee was appointed, the applicant again balloted for, and rejected, and Bro. Jacobs thereupon appealed to this Grand Body." The Constitution of Subordinates in California requires that "the petition shall be referred to a committee, who shall report at the next succeeding regular meeting," etc. The committee say "that such conduct of the Lodge (requiring the investigating committee to report forthwith) was a flagrant violation of the laws and rules prescribed for its government, it seems to us there can be no doubt. But it appears to this committee that Bro. Jacobs' application was presented, and he was elected, signed the Constitution of the Lodge and became a member thereof without any fault, fraud or unfairness on his part, and having thus become a member, he should be entitled to the benefits and privileges of active membership, and cannot be summarily refused admittance to his Lodge in the manner above set forth, notwithstanding the action of the Lodge in admitting him as it did, was irregular. \* \* \* That the Grand Lodge of California has full power to punish any violation of the rules and laws provided by it for the government of its Subordinates, and that in the above case it would not be improper to exercise such authority" A resolution is submitted:

"That the appeal of Charles Jacobs from the action of the Grand Lodge of California, be sustained, and that said Grand Lodge be directed to take such action as will restore the appellant to the rights of membership in said Mokelumne Lodge, No. 44, of that State."

Report by Rep. Heisler, of Colorado..... 10,858

Considered and adopted..... 10,902

No. 4. *James Godwin vs. Grand Lodge of New York.*

At the session of the Grand Lodge, August, 1887, a resolution was offered requesting Bro. Sanders, P. G. Sire, until further action by the Grand Lodge, to attend the annual sessions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and authorizing the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of New York to pay his expenses in attending such sessions. "Grand Master Whitlock ruled the resolution out of order, as not being such an expense as is intended by the words 'necessary expenses,' in Section 1 of Article V., Grand Lodge Constitution." The committee say that, in their opinion, "it is within the discretion of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, under its present Constitution, to pay the expenses of Bro. James P. Sanders, P. G. Sire, in attending the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, he being entitled to a seat therein," and "recommend that the appeal of Bro. Godwin be sustained"

Report by Rep. Morris, of Kentucky..... 10,859

Considered and adopted..... 10,902

No. 5. *St. Anastasia Mesnil Lodge, No. 46, vs. Grand Lodge of Indiana.*

The Lodge, after two weeks' notice of the proposed action, donated \$600 to Canton Wabash, No. 19, Patriarchs Militant, "for the purpose of buying regalia for said Canton." The D. D. Grand Master set aside the action, and the Lodge appealed to the Grand Lodge of Indiana, which Body dismissed the appeal. The committee say they "see no grounds for reversing



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the action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana," and submit a resolution "that the appeal of St. Anastasia Mesnil Lodge, No. 46, vs. Grand Lodge, be dismissed, and the action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana be and is hereby approved."

Report by Rep Johnson, of Rhode Island..... 10,860

Considered and adopted ..... 10,902

No. 6. *William H. Weldon vs. Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces.*

The committee find no material change in the condition of the papers since they were presented in 1886, and that they are still so imperfect and incomplete that the committee are unable to consider the case upon its merits. Fearing that "possibly the appellant has not had all the opportunity and assistance in getting his case heard and disposed of, and the record of the action of his Grand Lodge properly before this Grand Body, that ought to have been afforded to him," the following resolutions are submitted.

"That the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces be and it is hereby directed to act (if it has not already done so) upon the appeal of Wm. H. Weldon, P. G., vs Western Star Lodge, No. 16, and when the said case is determined, and within ten days thereafter, to cause a full and complete record, duly certified, of all the proceedings in said case to be made and delivered to said Bro. Weldon.

"That the Grand Secretary be instructed to return to the said Grand Lodge all the papers in this case now before this Grand Body, so that all such as should, may be made part of the record so to be made by the said Grand Lodge in said case."

Report by Rep Van Deman, of Ohio..... 10,861

Considered and postponed..... 10,902

Considered again, and adopted..... 10,928

No. 7. *Milton N Webber vs. Grand Lodge of Indiana.*

Bro. Webber, a member of Harmony Lodge, No. 19, was suspected of having written an offensive letter, and the Lodge authorized a committee of three to investigate the matter. Two reports were presented, the majority expressing the opinion that the letter was written by Bro. Webber, and the minority that it was doubtful whether he wrote it. The Vice Grand was directed to appoint a committee of three members to prefer charges against Bro. Webber. The charges were placed in the hands of the Noble Grand, who appointed an examining committee, and they submitted two reports, the majority "that the evidence did not sustain the charges," and the minority "that the evidence fully sustained the charges." The Lodge accepted the minority report, and at the next meeting Bro. Webber was expelled. The Committee on Appeals of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, after reciting the irregularities in the case, viz., appointing two investigating committees, the appointment of the second committee by the Vice Grand, and the appointment of two of the three members who were the authors of the motions to investigate, all being contrary to the trial code of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, recommended that "the case be referred back to Harmony Lodge, with instructions to give the accused Brother a new trial, to be conducted in accordance with the code of procedure for conducting trials." The Grand Lodge of Indiana referred the report back to the committee, "with instructions to report in favor of sustaining the action of Harmony Lodge," and the committee reported accordingly, and the Grand Lodge adopted the report.

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The committee quote the law of the Grand Lodge of Indiana on the subject of trials, and say that it was violated by the Lodge in the appointment of the second committee against the objection of Bro. Webber, and without considering the other questions raised, held that it alone "is of itself sufficient to control the case in favor of the appellant." A resolution is submitted:

"That the appeal of Bro. Milton N. Webber be sustained on the ground of irregularity and illegality in the appointment of the second committee by Harmony Lodge, No. 19, and that the Grand Lodge of Indiana be hereby directed to cause said Harmony Lodge, No. 19, to grant to said Webber a new trial on said charges, under procedure as to appointment of committees and otherwise, in conformity to law."

Report by Rep. Goodwin, of Georgia..... 10,862

Considered and adopted..... 10,902

No. 8. *James Starkey vs. Grand Lodge of Minnesota.*

Bro. Harris Breslauer held a Withdrawal Card dated January 7th, 1886, and, November 24th, 1886, applied for membership in West Side Lodge, No. 106. January 12th, 1887, five days after the card expired, "the committee stated it could not report favorably." Further time was granted, and on January 26th the committee reported unfavorably, and the candidate was balloted for and rejected. The appellant filed a complaint in the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, propounding two questions, viz.: "1. Had the Lodge the right to act upon an expired Withdrawal Card? 2. Has the Grand Master, under the circumstances, the right to restore the Brother to his former standing in the Order?" The Grand Lodge adopted the report of its committee, which held that the card having been deposited during its validity, the Lodge had a perfect and legal right to treat it as a live card, and ballot on the application; "that the Grand Master has no authority to revive an expired card."

The committee submit a resolution "that the questions referred to were properly answered by the Grand Lodge of Minnesota by the adoption of the report of its Committee on Appeals, and that the appeal of Bro. James Starkey be dismissed."

Report by Rep. Kuykendall, of Wyoming..... 10,864

Considered and adopted..... 10,903

No. 9. *A. J. Smith and sixteen others vs. Grand Lodge of Indiana.*

At a regular meeting of St. Anastasia Mesnil Lodge, No. 48, in February, 1887, a motion was adopted to loan Canton Wabash, No. 19, Patriarchs Militant, \$600 for ten years without interest, the Canton to execute a mortgage on their regalia for the same, and an order for the amount was drawn on the Special Fund. At the next meeting an appeal was taken by A. J. Smith and sixteen others from the action of the Lodge. The committee of the Grand Lodge of Indiana state the circumstances of the Canton, that the Lodge building, costing about \$7,000, was largely built from the private cash subscriptions of members of the Lodge; the rents from the business rooms were carried into a special fund, the amount of which, at the time of the transaction, exceeded the money in controversy; the Lodge having approved the security, the presumption must be that the security is ample, etc., and held that the action of



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the Lodge should be affirmed. The Grand Lodge of Indiana adopted the report.

The committee recited the circumstances; that the interests of the Lodge and Canton are, in a measure, identical, the membership being the same in both; that any assistance the Lodge gives to the Canton will result in gain to the Lodge; that though the money is loaned without interest the Lodge believed it would in the end be the gainer, because the Uniformed Branch of the Order has increased the membership of the Lodge; the money loaned was not taken from the regular Lodge fund, and that "in regard to the purely financial transactions of Subordinate Lodges, the Grand Lodge to which said Subordinates belong is the proper Body to pass upon the same." A portion of the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals of the Grand Lodge of Indiana is dissented from, as they "believe it is the bounden duty of said Grand Body, if it has any good reason for supposing that its Subordinates are not taking proper care of their funds, to look into the matter and compel them to take every precaution to prevent unnecessary loss." A resolution is submitted that the appeal be dismissed, "and the action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, in sustaining the action of St. Anastasia Menil Lodge, No. 46, under the circumstances, be and is hereby approved."

Report by Rep. Johnson, of Rhode Island..... 10,865

Considered and postponed..... 10,903

Considered again, in connection with minority report (No. 12),  
and minority report adopted..... 10,928

No. 10. *Henry F. Roos vs. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.*

The appellant claimed benefits from Lake Shore Lodge, No. 718, from October 29th, 1885, to February 20th, 1886. The Lodge refused payment, claiming that the Brother was in arrears when taken sick. On appeal, the "Committee on Appeals for Benefits," dismissed the appeal, the Grand Master sustained the Committee, and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania adopted the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, sustaining the action of the Committee on Appeals. Pending the action on the report, the point of order was raised that "under the law of procedure in the State of Pennsylvania, the said committee had no right to embody in their report a resolution sustaining or dismissing an appeal, but should have submitted a report which determined only whether or not the said grounds of appeal were proper and legal, and whether the same could legally be considered by the Grand Lodge, and therefore their report, as presented, was not in order." The point of order was overruled.

The committee quote the law of Pennsylvania (Article XV., Section 17), and say they "are of the opinion that the said point of order ought to have been sustained and the said report recommitted to the said committee with instructions to present a report in conformity with the law." A resolution is submitted "that the appeal of Bro. H. F. Roos, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, be and the same is hereby sustained, and the action of the said Grand Lodge, in adopting the report of the Committee on the State of the Order in said matter, be reversed, and the said cause be, by the said Grand Lodge, referred to its said committee, with instructions to make a report in strict compliance with the said law of said Grand

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Lodge, and for all other and further proper proceedings in said case."

Report by Rep. Van Deman, of Ohio..... 10,870

Considered and adopted ..... 10,903

No. 11. *Hanover Lodge, No 327, vs Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.*

Bro J M. Stambaugh was charged with conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, for drawing benefits to which he was not entitled, and was expelled. On appeal, the committee of the Grand Lodge adopted a resolution, "that the appeal be sustained and the Lodge directed to reinstate the appellant, for the reason *that the charges were not proven by the evidence.*" Hanover Lodge appealed to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, through the Committee on the State of the Order. That committee recommended "that the appeal be dismissed and the judgment of the committee (on Appeals) sustained," and the Grand Lodge adopted the report.

The committee say "the question presented and to be determined, as your committee interpret the law, is whether the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania shall be required to stand to and abide by the laws of her Grand Lodge with reference to trials and appeals, and to this there can be but one logical answer." The laws on the subject are quoted, and the committee thus conclude their report: "Viewing the case in the light of the provisions of law herein above stated, it appears that the Appeals Committee reversed the action of Hanover Lodge on a question of evidence, in the absence of any such ground taken in the appeal, and that the Committee on the State of the Order went beyond their province and recommended that the appeal of the Lodge be dismissed, whereas, in our opinion, they could only consider and report 'as to whether the grounds of the appeal are proper and legal, and whether the same can be legally considered by the Grand Lodge.' Your committee, therefore, submit the following:

"*Resolved*, That the appeal of Hanover Lodge, No. 327, be sustained, as the law of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was not conformed to, and that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania shall direct the Appeals Committee thereof again to consider and pass upon the case of the appeal of Bro. J. M. Stambaugh on the grounds stated in said appeal."

Report by Rep. Goodwin, of Georgia..... 10,871

Considered and postponed. .... 10,903

Considered again, and adopted ..... 10,976

No. 12. *A. J. Smith and sixteen others vs. Grand Lodge of Indiana. Minority report.*

The committee dissent from the opinion of the majority, holding that the law of 1885, on the subject of a member of a Lodge being allowed to vote upon any question relating to the fiscal affairs of his Lodge or Encampment, except in a case in which he has a direct *personal* interest, was intended to mean "the renting of a hall, or the use of other Lodge fixtures and paraphernalia, and that it did not contemplate the loaning of the funds of a Lodge, and that, therefore, the law on the loaning of the funds of the Lodge stands just as it did before the enactment of the resolution above quoted, found on page 10,094 of the Journal." The general laws of the Grand Lodge of Indiana on the subject of "Lodge funds," are quoted, and the minority conclude that "if a Lodge has a right to make



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such a loan to a Canton, it may make it to any individual, association or corporation, whether they are able to repay or are absolutely worth nothing, and have neither ability nor inclination to repay," and submit the following:

"*Resolved*, That the appeal of A. J. Smith and sixteen others vs. St. Anastasia Mesnil Lodge, No 46, and the Grand Lodge of Indiana, be sustained, and the Grand Lodge of Indiana be directed to require Canton Wabash to either give said Lodge good and first class security for the repayment of said sum, when due, and pay the legal rate of interest annually therefor, to said Lodge, or repay said sum so borrowed within a reasonable time, as said Lodge may choose.

"And that it be the sense of this Grand Body that no Lodge should divert its funds from the uses for which they were paid in, nor loan the same at any time without ample security being given and a reasonable interest being paid."

Report by Rep. Heisler, of Colorado..... 10,909

Considered in connection with majority report (No. 9), and minority report adopted..... 10,928

No. 13. *P. H. Stearns vs Grand Canton Worcester, No. 3, Patriarchs Militant, Worcester, Massachusetts.*

October 21st, 1886, Chevalier P. H. Stearns was "dishonorably discharged from Grand Canton Worcester, No. 3, Massachusetts, for disobedience of orders issued from Army Headquarters, in the absence of the Chevalier, without any notice to him, or previous official information that any action affecting him was to be had." The particulars of the action of the Chevalier and the Canton in the matter, and the steps taken to present the appeal to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, are submitted, and the committee conclude that the reasons presented formed "no justification for the course pursued," and the By-Law, Section 1, Article XIII., is quoted as authority. "Under that section, with the forms of procedure in every jurisdiction, as well as those of the Grand Body for the government of its Subordinates, no Canton could be in reasonable doubt as to the course to be pursued and how to pursue it and therefore there was no necessity for Canton Worcester, No. 3, to introduce a procedure unknown to the laws of Odd Fellowship, and repugnant to the principles of the degree under which it was organized." A resolution is submitted "that the appeal of P. H. Stearns from the action of Grand Canton Worcester, No. 3, be sustained, on the ground that he has had *no trial* for any offense, and any action without such trial is *null and void*, and does not prejudice the right of the Canton to proceed in legal form."

Report by Rep. Stebbins, of New York, chairman..... 10,911

Considered and adopted. .... 10,976

No. 14. *On Decision No 28 in Report of the Grand Sire.*

On this decision (pages 10,716, 10,717) the committee say "they have carefully examined the same, and concur with the Grand Sire in the conclusion reached. Your committee recommend a careful study of the history of Section 265 of the Digest, as given by the Grand Sire, that misunderstanding of its meaning and scope may be avoided." A resolution is submitted "that Decision No 28 of the Grand Sire be approved."

Report by Rep Stebbins, of New York, chairman..... 10,942

Considered and adopted..... 10,979

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No. 1. Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. Approved.	
Report by Rep. Sheridan, of Ohio.....	10,935
Considered and adopted.....	10,978
No. 2. Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio. Ap- proved.	
Report by Rep. Sheridan, of Ohio.....	10,935
Considered and adopted.....	10,978
No. 3. Amended By-Laws of Las Vegas Lodge, No. 4, New Mexico. Approved.	
Report by Rep. Henry, of Vermont.....	10,935
Considered and adopted.....	10,978
No. 4. By-Laws of Tahlequah Lodge, No. 4, Indian Territory. Amended and approved.	
Report by Rev. Oliver, of Ontario.....	10,935
Considered and adopted.....	10,978
No. 5. Amended By Laws of Chalaco Lodge, No. 4, Peru, South America. Amended and approved.	
Report by Rep. Henry, of Vermont.....	10,936
Considered and adopted.....	10,978
No. 6. By-Laws of Havana Lodge, No. 4, Cuba, and By-Laws of Floral Encampment, No. 2, Arizona. Approved.	
Report by Rep. Bradshaw, of Mississippi.....	10,936
Considered and adopted.....	10,978
No. 7. Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nevada. Amended and approved.	
Report by Rep. Crane, of New Jersey, chairman.....	10,937
Considered and adopted.....	10,978
No. 8. Amended By-Laws of Pocahontas Lodge, No. 2, Indian Territory. Approved.	
Report by Rep. Sheridan, of Ohio.....	10,937
Considered and adopted.....	10,978
No. 9. Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. Amended and approved.	
Report by Rep. Sheridan, of Ohio.....	10,937
Considered and adopted.....	10,978
No. 10. Amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Maine. Amended and approved.	
Report by Rep. Crane, of New Jersey, chairman.....	10,938
Considered and adopted.....	10,978
No. 11. Amended By-Laws of Las Vegas Encampment, No. 2, New Mexico. Approved.	
Report by Rep. Sheridan, of Ohio.....	10,938
Considered and adopted.....	10,978
No. 12. By-Laws of Raton Lodge, No. 8, New Mexico. Approved.	
Report by Rep. Camp, of Connecticut.....	10,938
Considered and adopted.....	10,979
No. 13. Amended Constitutions of the Grand Encampments of Ohio, Dakota, West Virginia, Nevada, Nebraska and Oregon. Approved.	
Report by Rep. Crane, of New Jersey, chairman.....	10,939
Considered and adopted .....	10,979
No. 14. Amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Min- nesota. Amended and approved.	
Report by Rep. Crane, of New Jersey, chairman.....	10,939
Considered and adopted.....	10,979



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- No. 15. By-Laws of Gem City Lodge, No. 7, New Mexico.  
Amended and approved.  
Report by Rep. Rice, of Alabama..... 10,939  
Considered and adopted..... 10,979
- No. 16. Amended By-Laws of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Sandwich Islands. Approved.  
Report by Rep. Sheridan, of Ohio..... 10,940  
Considered and adopted..... 10,979
- No. 17. Amended Constitutions of the Grand Lodges of Texas, Massachusetts, Manitoba, Dakota, Idaho, Oregon and New Jersey. Approved.  
Report by Rep. Oliver, of Ontario..... 10,940  
Considered and adopted..... 10,979
- No. 18. Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.  
Amended and approved.  
Report by Rep. Sheridan, of Ohio..... 10,953  
Considered and adopted..... 11,005
- No. 19. Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kansas.  
The committee recommend "that the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kansas be referred to the Grand Secretary of Kansas for proper certification, as required by Section 238, Digest."  
Report by Rep. Sheridan, of Ohio..... 10,953  
Considered and adopted..... 11,005  
Reconsidered and again adopted..... 11,005, 11,021
- No. 20. By-Laws of Hijos del Trabajo Lodge, No. 7, Cuba.  
Amended and approved.  
Report by Rep. Crane, of New Jersey, chairman..... 10,954  
Considered and adopted..... 11,021
- No. 21. By-Laws of Albuquerque Lodge, No. 1, New Mexico.  
Approved.  
Report by Rep. Wheeler, of Missouri..... 10,955  
Considered and adopted..... 11,022

## CORRESPONDENCE.

- No. 1. The committee say they have read with much interest the correspondence submitted by the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary in their reports, relating to the Manchester Unity, and hail with satisfaction the renewed evidence of a desire on the part of that Body for a revival of fraternal relations between the two Orders, and submit a resolution "that the Grand Sire, whenever it shall seem practicable to do so, is hereby authorized to appoint a committee for the purpose of perfecting plans by which the objects contemplated by the correspondence submitted to this Grand Lodge may be accomplished, said committee to report its action to this Grand Lodge for approval."  
Report by Rep. Shields, of Alabama, chairman..... 10,966  
Considered and indefinitely postponed..... 11,023

## CREDENTIALS.

- No. 1. The committee report on the credentials received from Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, submitting a list of the names of Representatives, and "recommend that they be accredited as such."  
Report by Rep. Jones, of Maryland, chairman..... 10,702  
Considered and adopted ..... 10,702

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- No. 2. On the credentials of A. J. Kent, P. G. and P. C. P., Representative from the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, the committee find the same correct and "recommend that he be accredited as such."

Report by Rep. Jones, of Maryland, chairman..... 10,976

Considered and adopted..... 10,976

## DEGREE OF REBEKAH.

- No. 1. The committee say they "have read with great pleasure the clear and concise statement of the condition of this degree as it appears in the report of the Grand Secretary, page 10,795," and express regret "that no reports have been received from seven jurisdictions for several years past." They "suggest that the Grand Secretary again make call on the Grand Secretaries of the delinquent jurisdictions for an immediate report, and that such reports be incorporated in the tabular statement in the Revised Journal," and say, in conclusion, "the condition of this branch of the Order is certainly very cheering, there being shown a large increase in the number of Lodges, membership and finances"

Report by Rep. Kiger, of New Jersey..... 10,963

Considered and adopted..... 11,022

- No. 2. The committee report decisions of the Grand Sire, Nos 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, correct, and submit a resolution approving the same

Report by Rep. Kiger, of New Jersey..... 10,964

Considered and adopted..... 11,022

- No. 3. On the resolution of Rep. Clark, of Wisconsin, requesting the committee to report "in secret session, a sign of distress and words to accompany the same, for members of the Degree of Rebekah," the committee say that, in their opinion, "we have all the signs necessary for all practical purposes," and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Report by Rep. Whitney, of Michigan, chairman..... 10,981

Considered and adopted..... 11,025

- No. 4. On the resolution of the Grand Lodge of New York, requesting a new form of Ritual for the installation of officers of Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, etc., and the resolution of Rep. Clark, of Wisconsin, that lady Past Noble Grands may be authorized to act as Grand Wardens at the installation of officers of Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, etc., the committee submit the following:

"*Resolved*, That it is inexpedient to change the installation ceremonies in the Rebekah Degree Ritual; and be it further

"*Resolved*, That Grand Masters of the various State jurisdictions in which Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah exist, are authorized to appoint Deputies from among the lady Past Grands of such Lodges, to exercise the duties of installation and such other duties in said Lodges as their office empowers them to do; and be it further

"*Resolved*, That installing officers for the Rebekah Degree Lodges are authorized to fill the various positions in the installation of officers of such Lodges with lady Past Noble Grands."

Report by Rep. Kenner, of Indiana..... 10,982

Considered and adopted..... 11,025



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- No. 5. The committee report having considered the resolution of Rep. Minta, of California, on a form of burial service for use by Rebekah Degree Lodges for the burial of a Sister, and a ceremony, prepared by Mrs. Louise B. Hall, and submitted by the Representatives from Indiana, as instructed by the Grand Lodge of that State, and report certain amendments with a resolution "that the 'Form of Burial Ceremony for a Daughter of Rebekah,' herewith submitted, be adopted."
- Report by Rep. Hirst, of Delaware..... 10,982  
 Considered and adopted..... 11,026
- No. 6. The committee report that it is "inexpedient, at this time, to legislate on the subject of the resolution of Reps. Smith and Wheeler, of Missouri, that this Grand Lodge create a Past Official Degree for Past Noble Grands of the Degree of Rebekah."
- Report by Rep. Silber, of Wisconsin..... 10,985  
 Considered and adopted..... 11,026
- No. 7. On the resolutions of Rep. Dutemple, of Rhode Island, "that hereafter the Degree of Rebekah shall be exclusively conferred by Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah; that the law requiring officers in Subordinate Lodges to have obtained the Degree of Rebekah be repealed," the committee report "that, in their opinion, the legislation asked for is inexpedient at this time."
- Report by Rep. Whitney, of Michigan, chairman..... 10,989  
 Considered and adopted..... 11,028
- No. 8. The committee say they have carefully examined the resolution of Rep. Clark, of Wisconsin, "that the power is hereby delegated to the Subordinate Grand Lodges to restrict, under such rules and regulations as they may adopt, not inconsistent with the general laws of the Order, the conferring of the Degree of Rebekah to Rebekah Degree Lodges in such Subordinate Lodge jurisdictions as have therein Rebekah Degree Lodges," and believe that "the legislation asked for is inexpedient at the present time."
- Report by Rep. Whitney, of Michigan, chairman..... 10,889  
 Considered and adopted..... 11,028
- No. 9. On a resolution of Bro. Sanders, P. G. Sire, the committee say that in their opinion "it is not expedient to legislate on the subject as asked for."
- Report by Rep. Watts, of the Lower Provinces..... 11,015  
 Considered and adopted..... 11,034
- No. 10. On the memorial of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, asking legislation to "enable a lady member of a Lodge of the Degree of Rebekah, who, while holding such membership, marries one who is not a member of the Order, upon a change of her residence, to have a right to receive a Withdrawal Card," etc., the committee submit the following:
- "Resolved, That a lady member of a Rebekah Degree Lodge, being in good standing, has the right to ask for and receive a Withdrawal Card and the right to deposit the same for re-admission to the Order, under the same rules and regulations as govern that subject in Subordinate Lodges."
- Report by Rep. Phister, of Kentucky..... 11,015  
 Considered and adopted..... 11,034

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- No. 11. The committee report having considered the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Dakota (page 10,838), "and find that said Grand Lodge is not authorized to exclude the use of the Rebekah Degree Ritual from the Subordinate Lodges within its jurisdiction; but, on the contrary, said Ritual is and must remain in the possession of every Subordinate Lodge, in order that the elective officers can be fully qualified for installation, as is required by Section 930, Digest of the Sovereign Grand Lodge," and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Report by Rep. Higgins, of Maine..... 11,029  
 Considered and adopted..... 11,035

## DRAWING FOR SEATS.

- No. 1. The committee submit a statement of the numbers of the desks assigned to Representatives as the result of the drawing.

Report by Rep. Hart, of Mississippi, chairman..... 10,704  
 Considered and adopted..... 10,704

## FINANCE.

- No. 1. The committee submit the report of the Sub-Committee on Finance, stating that they have carefully examined the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, for the fiscal year ending August 20th, 1887, and exhibiting the amount of receipts and payments, the available assets and the total assets, etc.

Report by Rep. Mucklé, of Pennsylvania..... 10,890  
 Considered and adopted..... 10,903

- No. 2. On the resolution of Rep. Randall, of California, to pay officers and Representatives "ten cents per mile one way, by the nearest possible route, and that per diem be fixed at \$5 per day, computed for the actual time required for transit to and from the residence of the officer or Representative, by the shortest possible traveled route, in addition to daily attendance," the committee offer in lieu of the resolution, "that mileage to officers and Representatives at this session be fixed at ten cents per mile one way, by the nearest traveled route, and that per diem be fixed at \$5 per day for six days."

Report by Rep. Blanks, of Virginia..... 10,914  
 Considered in connection with minority report (No. 3), and majority report adopted..... 10,917-10,919

- No. 3. *Minority Report.* On the resolution of Rep. Randall, of California, page 10,854 (*see* Report No. 2), the committee recommend that it be adopted.

Report by Rep. Randall, of California..... 10,915  
 Considered in connection with majority report (No. 2), and majority report adopted..... 10,917-10,919

- No. 4. The committee report, on the application of the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia for remission of the Representative tax for 1884, that it appears "that it was impossible for the said Grand Encampment to be represented at that session, and from new facts presented to us at this session, we recommend that the sum of \$75 be passed to the credit of said Grand Encampment."

Report by Rep. McKinney, of West Virginia..... 10,915  
 Considered and adopted..... 10,976



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- No. 5. On the application of the Grand Encampment of South Carolina for the remission of the Representative tax for 1885, 1886, 1887, aggregating \$225, the committee express the opinion "that the income of the Sovereign Grand Lodge should be sacredly guarded, and that no encouragement should be given to any Grand Body to foster a feeling of dependence on the Sovereign Grand Lodge, yet, under the peculiar circumstances of the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, we are of opinion that the best interests of the Order in that jurisdiction make it necessary that this tax should be remitted. We therefore recommend that the request be granted."
- Report by Rep. Miller, of Illinois..... 10,915  
 Considered and adopted..... 10,977
- No. 6. The committee say that they feel that a necessity exists justifying a recommendation that the application of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, to be relieved from the payment of the Representative tax for the year 1887, amounting to \$75, be granted, and submit a resolution to that effect.
- Report by Rep. Dilks, of New York..... 10,916  
 Considered and adopted..... 10,977
- No. 7. The committee have considered the request of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the newly-instituted Grand Lodge of New Mexico, that the dues of Subordinate Lodges in the Territory, from January 1st to September 7th, 1887, be credited to said Grand Lodge, and submit a resolution "that the amount of \$220.32, received from the Subordinate Lodges of New Mexico, from January 1st, 1887, to September 7th, 1887, be transferred to the credit of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico."
- Report by Rep. Mucklé, of Pennsylvania..... 10,916  
 Considered and adopted..... 10,977
- No. 8. On the resolution that the bound Journals be furnished free of cost, and the Digest at cost, to all officers and members who have not already received them, the committee find that such has been the custom, and submit the following:
- "*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish, free of cost, to the Grand Officers and Representatives who have not already received them, the bound Journals of Proceedings, and, at cost, the Revised Digest."
- Report by Rep. Dilks, of New York..... 10,967  
 Considered and adopted..... 11,023
- No. 9. On bills of the Committee on Appeals, Committee on Printing Supplies, Supervisory Committee on Degree of Patriarchs Militant, Sub-Committee on Finance, Special Committee on Removal, and sundry persons, the committee submit a resolution "that the Grand Secretary be authorized and directed to draw warrants in favor of the persons as set forth in the report, amounting to \$1,704.70."
- Report by Rep. Randall, of California, chairman ..... 11,006  
 Considered and adopted..... 11,006
- No. 10. The committee "deeming it inexpedient to make a general donation of our Journals, which may lead to applications

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from various local associations, and adding largely to the expenses of this Body," ask to be discharged from further consideration of the resolution of Rep. Ellis, of Illinois, "that a complete set of the Journals of this Grand Body be donated to the Chicago Odd Fellows' Association, of Cook county, Illinois."

Report by Rep. Randall, of California, chairman..... 11,012

Considered and adopted..... 11,033

- No. 11. On the bill of G. C. Schueler, D. D. Grand Sire of the Indian Territory, for traveling and other expenses, amounting to \$31.35, the committee deduct the items of "lost time," amounting to \$11.25, "in accordance with the action and general custom of this Grand Lodge," and submit a resolution "that the sum of \$20.10 be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the expenses incurred by D. D. Grand Sire G. C. Schueler, in performing his official duties as such D. D. Grand Sire since January 1st, 1887."

Report by Rep. Dilks, of New York..... 11,013

Considered and adopted..... 11,033

- No. 12. On the bill of Special Deputy Grand Sire L. Bourdonnay, of \$1,000, for instituting Concorde Lodge, No. 1, Havre, France, the committee submit a letter from the Grand Secretary to Bro. Bourdonnay, and say "in view of the above correspondence and the fact that your committee feel that this bill is excessively large, we therefore recommend that the sum of \$350 be ordered paid to Bro. Bourdonnay for his services in instituting Concorde Lodge, No. 1, of Havre, France."

Report by Rep. Miller, of Illinois..... 11,018

Considered and laid on the table..... 11,035

- No. 13. A statement of the estimated receipts and expenditures for the year ending August 20th, 1888, is submitted, with a resolution appropriating the amount necessary to the extent and for the purposes set out and expressed, and authorizing warrants to be drawn for the same; also a resolution authorizing the investment of money and the sale and transfer of bonds.

Report by Rep. Randall, of California, chairman..... 11,019

Considered and amended by adding items for printing and binding Vol. XII., Journal, and janitor of Chamber of Commerce, and, as amended, adopted..... 11,035

- No. 14. The committee report on the accounts of the Lieutenant-General for the fiscal year ending August 31st, 1887, and submit a detailed statement of the receipts, expenditures, assets, liabilities, net profits, etc.

Report by Rep. Mucklé, of Pennsylvania..... 11,029

Considered and adopted ..... 11,036

- No. 15. On "the resolution of Reps. Whitney and Kenner, authorizing the Committee on Printing Supplies to print the funeral ceremony for a Daughter of Rebekah, and furnish the same to Grand Lodges as other supplies, have considered the same and recommend its adoption."

Report by Rep. McKinney, of West Virginia..... 11,036-7

Considered and adopted..... 11,036



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No. 1. The committee report having thoroughly considered the subject of the Grand Jurisdiction of Australasia, as presented in the reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary; indorse the opinion of the Grand Sire as to the policy that should govern independent Grand Jurisdictions; recite the action heretofore, concerning the Grand Lodge of Australasia and the Grand Lodge of the German Empire; review with satisfaction the proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Australasia, at the session of May, 1887, saying it "deserves the highest commendation and approval on the part of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, and is an assurance that henceforth our relations with Australasia will be as cordial and warm as they were in the past, and especially while we possessed in Australasia an able friend and counselor, as well as representative, in the person of our lamented Brother, Henry Vine." Three resolutions are submitted, the first stating the circumstances under which the Grand Lodge of Australasia will be "invested with all the powers and privileges heretofore by us given and granted to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire;" the second "that the permission heretofore given to Australasia to continue the transaction of ordinary Lodge business in the Initiatory Degree until said amended Grand Charter has been made, be and is expressly continued;" and the third "that if the Grand Lodge of Australasia, having obtained said amended Grand Charter, and said extensive powers and privileges, and having thus been made an Independent Grand Lodge and the true head of the Order in Australasia, shall then direct the transaction of ordinary Lodge business in the Initiatory instead of the Third Degree, this Sovereign Grand Lodge will not regard or hold such direction a violation of the limitation against changes in the Unwritten Work to be contained in said amended Grand Charter, although a transfer of certain parts of the Unwritten Work to the Initiatory from a higher degree may be made necessary by such direction as long as the Unwritten Work itself is not in any manner altered or changed."

Report by Rep. Block, of Iowa, chairman..... 10,928

Considered and adopted..... 10,977

No. 2. On the correspondence relating to the introduction of the Order into Spain, the committee say "the subject was broached in the years 1885 and 1886 by Senor Eduardo Contreras, of Madrid, the editor of *La Espana Masonica*, as the name indicates, a Masonic journal. He received and read with great satisfaction some of our publications, which were sent to him at his request, and his efforts still continue, although he mentions the restrictive laws of Spain, which forbid the introduction of fraternal Orders, although Masonry exists there. We have won, however, another valuable ally for opening the door to us. Cuba Lodge, No. 3, of Havana, in the Island of Cuba, has suggested the appointment of Bro. Rafael Montoro y Valdes, a distinguished citizen of Cuba, who recently received the degrees of a Subordinate Lodge in that place, and who is a representative of the Island of

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- Cuba in the Congress of Deputies at Madrid." A resolution is submitted "that the Grand Sire be requested to take such steps as may seem best to him for bringing about the introduction of our Order into Spain."
- Report by Rep. Reinecke, of Kentucky..... 10,932
- Considered and amended by adding to the resolution, "provided that the same be done without expense to this Grand Lodge," and, as amended, adopted..... 10,977
- No. 3. On the Order in Cuba, the committee say "the development is worthy of unalloyed commendation," and present the statistics of the growth in Lodges and membership. The situation, as shown by the correspondence, is commented on; the subject of a Grand Lodge in Cuba considered, and the committee "regret that while the conditions continue which we have set forth, we can see no good which could result from a relaxation of the law requiring ten Lodges for creating a Grand Lodge." They approve of the publication of the Digest in Spanish, and say, concerning the Lodges transferred to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Florida, "although placed under the supervision and control of that Grand Lodge, they are not, as we understand the law, to be ruled under the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Florida, but by the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. It, and not the Florida Constitution, is their organic law." They submit resolutions "that the Grand Sire be empowered to contract for the translation and publication of our Digest in the Spanish language, without expense to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, upon such terms as he may deem fit; that authority is hereby given to Fraternidad Universal Lodge, No. 2, to remove its place of meeting from Guanabacoa to Havana; that authority is hereby given to America Lodge, No. 5, to remove its place of meeting from Regla to Havana; that the dispensations granted by authority of the Grand Sire to Cuban Brothers, during the recess of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, to receive the Encampment Degrees in the State of Florida, are hereby ratified."
- Report by Rep. Reinecke, of Kentucky..... 10,932
- Considered and adopted..... 10,977
- No. 4. Concerning the Order in Switzerland, the committee report that it "has been introduced in the German-speaking, Protestant part of Switzerland only, so small a portion of the republic that it may be traversed in a few hours. We cannot hope to be able to establish Lodges in the Roman Catholic portion of Switzerland, or among the French, Italian or Romanesque part of its population. We have done better than we could expect to do in this distant jurisdiction, and with that we must be content."
- Report by Rep. Block, of Iowa, chairman..... 10,947
- Considered and adopted..... 11,002
- No. 5. On the Order in Peru, the committee say they "take pleasure in reporting that this jurisdiction, as yet small, is in excellent condition." The committee compliment the efficiency of D. D. Grand Sire Crosby, and conclude as follows: "A new hall, of which the Brethren are very



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proud, has been secured. Peace and harmony prevail among the membership, all of whom are striving in their 'small way,' as they are pleased to put it, to carry out the principles of our Order. The condition of affairs in Peru must be pleasing and satisfactory to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, Peru being under its immediate jurisdiction and care."

Report by Rep. Robbins, of Rhode Island..... 10,947

Considered and adopted..... 11,002

- No. 6. In relation to the German Empire, the committee say "the correspondence during the year has been light; nothing has transpired to excite controversy, and the machinery of the Order seems to have run smoothly and naturally. This, we think, may fairly be attributed to the liberal policy adopted by this Sovereign Grand Lodge," etc. The session of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, at Kiel, in August, 1887, is noted, and regrets are expressed that Bro. Otto Schaettle, accredited as Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, has not appeared. The committee tender their sympathies to Grand Sire Lesser, who was compelled, on account of ill health, to resign the office.

Report by Rep. Cushing, of the Lower Provinces..... 10,956

Considered and adopted..... 11,022

- No. 7. On the Order in Mexico, the committee report having examined the voluminous correspondence with this country, and the portions of the reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary on the subject, and are much pleased to find the Lodges in a most prosperous condition. The efforts of D. D. Grand Sire De Gress are mentioned, the committee saying, "from his well-known interest and activity in the work of the Order, we shall hope the next year to report an increase of Lodges as well as of membership."

Report by Rep. Cushing, of the Lower Provinces..... 10,956

Considered and adopted..... 11,022

- No. 8. Concerning the Order in France, the committee say "that its subject-matter is of so much importance as to deserve more than a mere passing mention." The progress of Concorde Lodge, No. 1, during its brief existence, increasing in four months from 5 to 94 members, is noted, and the fact that the Lodge works without books is commended as "an example which may well be followed by other and older Lodges." The services of Bro. L. Bourdonnay, who instituted the Lodge, "merit the thanks of this Body for the rare zeal and ability with which he discharged the duties of his important trust." A resolution is submitted, extending greetings and congratulations to the Brethren of Concorde Lodge, No. 1, Havre, France.

Report by Rep. Petty, of the District of Columbia.. 10,968

Considered and adopted..... 11,024

- No. 9. The committee say, concerning the Order in Denmark, "that the great difficulty under which the Brotherhood in that prosperous and flourishing jurisdiction labor is the absence of a translation of our Ritual into their language, and from being compelled to continue the use of one

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which, as they describe it, is 'indifferent in its phraseology,' and but little calculated to favorably impress a candidate at his initiation, when, of all times, a good impression should be made." On the request for permission to translate the Ritual into their own language, or to adopt the Ritual of the German Empire, the committee state they "are unwilling to recommend such changes of our laws and modes of procedure as would be necessary did we comply with this petition, and recognizing the complications which may ensue from the establishing of such precedent, your committee can see but one way out of the difficulty, and that in accordance with former action of this Grand Lodge, and one of justice to this flourishing jurisdiction, and that by the creation of an independent Grand Lodge of Scandinavia, to be composed of the Kingdoms of Denmark, Norway and Sweden. These countries, from their strength, both in number of Lodges and membership, are of right entitled and will, no doubt, receive from the Sovereign Grand Lodge the fullest consideration," etc. A resolution is submitted approving the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Denmark.

Report by Rep. Barry, of Tennessee..... 10,969

Considered and adopted..... 11,024

- No. 10. The committee find nothing in the correspondence with Chile requiring action by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. A loss in Lodges and membership is noted, but the committee say they "have every reason to believe, from the hopeful tone of the last communication received from Bro. Thomas J. Gonzales, Grand Master, that there will be a marked increase both in Lodges and members in the near future."

Report by Rep. DeMars, of South Carolina..... 10,970

Considered and adopted..... 11,024

- No. 11. The committee say "it is very gratifying to be able to report that the Order in this country is improving, and is in such a healthy financial condition, Scania Lodge, No. 1, having purchased real estate to the value of \$32,500, without seeking assistance from any outside source." The application for Veritas Lodge, No. 2, is referred to, and their enterprise and energy in building a hall, to be free of debt when the Lodge is instituted, are commended as "worthy of an older and larger jurisdiction." They recommend that the petition for a Warrant for Lodge No. 2 be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Report by Rep. Welsh, of Ontario..... 10,970

Considered and adopted..... 11,024

- No. 12. On the correspondence of D. D. Grand Sire Foster and others, of the Sandwich Islands, the committee attribute the slight loss in membership to "the unsettled state of the country, the dullness of the times and the unfortunate dissatisfaction that exists over the appointment of their D. D. Grand Sire," and hope that harmony may speedily be restored. The liberality of Excelsior Lodge to the widows and orphans under their charge, and their generous donation to the Charleston sufferers, are commended.

Report by Rep. Welsh, of Ontario..... 10,971

Considered and adopted..... 11,024



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- No. 13. Concerning the Order in the Netherlands, the committee "find there has been a small increase in membership," and that "the future prospects, as outlined by Bro. J. Hen, D. D. Grand Sire, are more encouraging." A resolution is submitted "that the action of the Grand Sire, in permitting Paradise Lodge, No. 1, Amsterdam, to issue circulars asking pecuniary relief in other jurisdictions, to enable said Lodge to render needed assistance to its widows and orphans, be approved."

Report by Rep. Rowe, of Dakota..... 10,971

Considered and adopted..... 11,024

## GRAND BODIES NOT REPRESENTED.

- No. 1. The committee report that all Grand Jurisdictions subordinate to the Sovereign Grand Lodge are represented, except the Grand Lodges of Switzerland, Chile, Denmark, British Columbia and the Grand Encampment of South Carolina.

Report by Rep. McMurphy, of Montana..... 11,010

Considered and adopted..... 11,033

## HIGH COMMISSION.

- No. 1. The Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire and the chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary, constituting the commission, submitted, with certain amendments, the action of the Military Council adopting thirty-one articles relating to the Patriarchs Militant organization; three degrees, entitled "The Decoration of Chivalry, to be conferred by the Commander of Patriarchs Militant upon Chevaliers whom he shall select;" "by the Commanders of Departments upon Chevaliers whom they may select, and upon Chevaliers recommended by Cantons," subject to the conditions named in the "organization," and "The Decoration of Chivalry for a Lady, to be conferred by the Commander of Patriarchs Militant upon Daughters of Rebekah selected by himself, and by Commanders of Departments upon such Daughters of Rebekah and other Ladies, who are wives of Chevaliers, as may be recommended by Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah."

Report by Rep. Orendorff, of Illinois..... 10,876

Considered and, except Sections XVII. and XVIII., referred to the Committee on Legislation..... 10,903

Considered again, and the report, except Sections XVII. and XVIII., adopted..... 10,963

Sections XVII. and XVIII. considered and adopted..... 11,000

## JUDICIARY.

- No. 1. The committee approve Decisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 13 (pages 10,711–10,713), 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 (pages 10,714–10,718), in the report of the Grand Sire, and Decisions 1, 2, 3, 4 (page 10,737), of the Grand Sire's supplementary report.

Report by Rep. Orendorff, of Illinois, chairman..... 10,951

Considered and adopted. .... 11,005

- No. 2. The committee submit a resolution that "Decision No. 14 (page 10,713) be amended by striking out the proviso found at the end of his decision; that Decision No. 22 (page 10,715) be amended by striking out all of said decision after the word 'disturbed,' and inserting the words 'or his rights to advancement interfered with;'

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that Decision No. 25 (page 10,716) be amended by striking out the words, 'unless he waive that right, which he may do,' and that with these modifications the above decisions are hereby approved."

Report by Rep. Orendorff, of Illinois, chairman..... 10,952

Considered and adopted..... 11,005

- No. 3. On the report of the Grand Sire (page 10,723), where "the question is raised whether the action of the Grand Sire, in approving By-Laws of Subordinates under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge; during recess, is final or is subject to review," the committee refer to the provisions of Section 3, Article I., of Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, and Section 1, Article IV., Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and "hold that in such cases the acts of the Grand Sire should go to the Committee on Constitutions to be examined and reported on."

Report by Rep. Gibson, of Texas..... 10,958

Considered and adopted..... 10,958

- No. 4. A resolution is submitted "that the resolutions of Reps. Deubert and Cornwell, of New York (in the hands of the Committee on the Judiciary), be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order."

Report by Rep. Orendorff, of Illinois, chairman..... 10,960

Considered and adopted..... 10,960

- No. 5. On the question: "If a Brother who holds a certificate of membership in an Odd Fellows' Beneficial Association, constitutes his Lodge his beneficiary, can the Lodge, by By-Law, pay the assessments thereon out of its general fund?" The committee say "such use of the general funds of a Lodge would be illegal."

Report by Rep. Semmes, of Alabama..... 10,988

Considered and adopted..... 11,027

## LEGISLATION.

- No. 1. On the resolution of Bro. Nicholson, Past Grand Sire, the committee recommend the following:

"*Resolved*, That the only persons who are the beneficiaries of a funeral benefit are the widow, orphans or dependent relatives of the deceased, or relatives upon whom the deceased was dependent at the time of death. Dependent relatives are relatives who were members of the family of the deceased, and were dependent upon the deceased for support at the time of death."

Report by Rep. Capen, of Maine..... 10,908

Considered and resolution amended by striking out the word "widow," in second line, and, as amended, adopted..... 10,976

- No. 2. That the legislation asked for in the resolution of the Grand Lodge of New York, "authorizing Subordinate Lodges to appropriate funds belonging to such Lodges to defray the expenses of its anniversary, and that of the Order," is inexpedient.

Report by Rep. Hoge, of Utah..... 10,908

Considered and adopted..... 10,976

- No. 3. On the resolution of Rep. Campbell, of Ontario, providing for the issue of a Receipt Card, to have the force and effect of the present Visiting Card, and resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Nevada on the subject, report "that the subject-matter of said resolutions having heretofore



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received, at several sessions of this Body, very full consideration, and been disapproved by decisive majorities, and your committee being of the opinion that the proposed legislation is not for the good of the Order, but would tend to its material injury, they therefore recommend that the said resolutions be not adopted."

Report by Rep. Carleton, of Texas..... 10,944

Considered and adopted..... 10,980

- No. 4. On the resolution of Rep. Campbell, of Ontario, "that Grand Bodies which have adopted a Representative system for legislative purposes, are hereby authorized to enact such laws as shall confine the voting for their Grand Officers to Representatives," the committee report "that the subject-matter of said resolution has received their most careful consideration, and regarding the proposed legislation as being in conflict with well-established, long-tried and fundamental laws of the Order, and not necessary for its future welfare, do recommend that the same be not adopted."

Report by Rep. Carleton, of Texas..... 10,944

Considered and adopted..... 10,981

- No. 5. On the resolutions of Rep. Johnson, of Rhode Island, "providing that Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments may permit their Subordinates to appropriate out of their treasuries for the entertainment of Grand Officers visiting officially; for the entertainment of visiting Lodges, and for the celebrating of the anniversaries of their organizations, provided that such expenditures shall not exceed ten per cent. of their total receipts from annual dues and receipts from investments," the committee report "that such proposed legislation is inexpedient, and calculated to open the door to extravagant expenditure of money by Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, to the great injury of their financial condition, and they thereupon recommend that said resolutions be not adopted."

Report by Rep. Pearce, of Florida..... 10,944

Considered and adopted..... 10,981

Reconsidered and again adopted..... 11,000, 11,001

- No. 6. On that part of the report of the Grand Sire entitled "Regalia in Grand Lodges;" the resolution of Rep. Goodwin, of Georgia; the resolution of Rep. Macdiarmid, of Ontario; the proposed amendment to Article XXII., By-Laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, presented by Reps. Brainard and Petty, of the District of Columbia; the resolution of Rep. Parker, of New Jersey, and the resolution of Rep. Miller, of Illinois, the committee say that they "have carefully considered the several propositions, and in view of the large sentiment manifested in favor of authorizing or permitting the use of a badge to be worn in lieu of the expensive and cumbersome regalia now required, your committee offer the following amendment to the By-Laws:

"Amend Article XXII. of the By-Laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge by adding thereto the following:

"Members of Grand and Subordinate Bodies, in lieu of the collar, may wear on the lapel of the coat a badge two inches

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wide and six inches long, of the same color as the collar prescribed for the several degrees and rank attained, which badge may be trimmed with gold, silver or other metal to conform to that provided for collars."

Report by Rep. Carlin, of Illinois ..... 10,950

Considered and amended by inserting the word "left," preceding "lapel," in second line, and not adopted..... 11,003, 11,004

No. 7. On the report of the Grand Sire, under the head of "Necessary Legislation," the committee submit amendments to the By-Laws as follows:

Amend Article I. by inserting, after the word "Order," in the first line, the words "of the Degree of Truth."

Amend Article II. by striking out the word "qualified," in the first line, and inserting in lieu thereof "Royal Purple."

Amend the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges as follows:

Amend Article I. by striking out of the second line the words "including one qualified to preside at its sessions," and insert "of the Degree of Truth."

Amend Article VII., Section 4, by striking out "twenty-six nights," in the fourth line, and insert "a regular term."

Amend Article VIII., Section 1, of the Constitution of Subordinate Encampments, by adding after "vacancy," in the fourth line, "except for the two terms after an Encampment had been instituted, or revived."

Report by Rep. Hedges, of Ohio, chairman..... 10,950

Considered and unanimously adopted..... 11,004

No. 8. On so much of the report of the High Commission as is of a legislative nature, found on pages 10,876-10,890, the committee say they "have carefully examined the same and recommend the following: That said action of the High Commission be approved by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and stand as the law of the Order."

Report by Rep. Capen, of Maine..... 10,951

Considered and adopted..... 11,005

No. 9. The committee approve the action of the Grand Sire in sanctioning the removal of Pocahontas Lodge, No. 2, Indian Territory, and see no objection to authorizing the Grand Sire, in recess, to consent to the removal of a Subordinate. Resolutions are submitted "that the action of the Grand Sire in sanctioning the removal of Pocahontas Lodge, No. 2, Indian Territory, from Savanna to Lehigh, be and is hereby approved, and the prayer of the petition of said Lodge for removal is hereby granted; that during the recess the Grand Sire be, and hereby is, entrusted with the power to consent to the removal of Lodges and Encampments under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and, in case he exercises such power, he shall report his action to this Grand Body at the next session thereof held thereafter."

Report by Rep. Hedges, of Ohio, chairman..... 10,953

Considered and adopted..... 11,005

No. 10. On the resolution of Rep. Orendorff, of Illinois (page 10,903), relating to Odd Fellows' Insurance Associations, the committee refer to the statistics presented in the report of the Grand Secretary, and deem it proper that the Grand Sire should be authorized to appoint examiners of such institutions. They submit a resolution



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- “that the Grand Sire is hereby authorized, at his discretion, to appoint one or more insurance experts to examine any Insurance or Benevolent Association confining its membership to the I. O. O. F., which experts shall make report of said examination to the Grand Sire, the entire expense of such examination to be paid by the Association or Company requesting the same to be made.”
- Report by Rep. Hedges, of Ohio, chairman..... 10,964
- Considered and indefinitely postponed..... 11,022
- No. 11. On the resolution of Rep. Strouse, of Minnesota, on the subject of changing membership without first obtaining a Withdrawal Card, the committee submit the following:
- “*Resolved*, 1. That any member of any Subordinate Lodge or Encampment of the Order, upon change of residence, shall have the privilege of applying for membership in any Lodge or Encampment without first applying for a Withdrawal Card from the Subordinate Body in which he holds membership, by first obtaining a Visiting Card from such Body and depositing the same in the Lodge or Encampment in which he seeks to obtain membership.
- “2. Upon election of such Brother by the Lodge or Encampment to which he shall apply for membership, said Body shall notify the Body of which he is a member, of such election, when, being free from all charges and the payment of all dues and fees, upon proper application he shall be entitled to a Withdrawal Card.
- “3. Upon deposit of said card with said Lodge or Encampment in which he had been elected, he shall be entitled to sign the Constitution and By-Laws, and be received in full membership from such time, upon the payment of the admission fees required by the By-Laws of said Lodge or Encampment.”
- Report by Rep. Carleton, of Texas..... 10,973
- Considered and amended by adding after “Card,” in last line of second paragraph of resolution, the words “or a Dismissal Certificate,” and, as amended, adopted..... 11,025
- No. 12. The committee recommend that the resolution of Rep. Dilks, of New York (page 10,850), requesting a new installation ceremony for Rebekah Degree Lodges, be referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah.
- Report by Rep. Carlin, of Illinois..... 10,981
- Considered and adopted..... 10,981
- No. 13. On the memorial presented by Rep. Friedheim, of Arkansas, the committee say “it would not be wise for this Grand Body to assume any liability in the founding or maintaining such a Home as is contemplated by the memorialists, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.”
- Report by Rep. Rounds, of Michigan..... 10,985
- Considered and adopted..... 11,026, 11,027
- No. 14. On the resolution of Rep. Kiger, of New Jersey, the committee recommend its adoption as amended, viz.:
- “*Resolved*, That State Grand Lodges and Encampments may provide, by Constitutional enactment, for the erection and maintenance of Homes for aged and indigent Odd Fellows; *provided, however*, said Bodies shall not make assessments on their Subordinates for the purpose of erecting and maintaining the same.”



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Report by Rep. Rounds, of Michigan.....	10,986
Considered and adopted.....	11,027
No. 15. On the resolution of Rep. Loeb, of Montana, requesting an amendment to the law in Section 293a, Digest, the committee "do not think the change advisable."	
Report by Rep. Hoge, of Utah.....	10,986
Considered and adopted.....	11,027
No. 16. The committee find the resolution of Rep. Makemson, of Texas, "in strict harmony with an affirmance of the fundamental principles of the Order," and recommend its adoption as follows: "Resolved, That the widows' and orphans' fund of the Sub- ordinate Lodges and Encampments is stamped as a trust fund for the use and benefit of the widows and orphans whose hus- bands and fathers, at their death, were members in good stand- ing in such Lodge or Encampment; and that it is illegal and a misapplication of such funds to donate or appropriate said funds, or any part thereof, to any purpose whatever, except for the direct and individual support and benefit of the widows and orphans who are, under the law, legitimate charges upon such Lodge or Encampment; <i>provided, however</i> , nothing herein shall prevent Subordinates, who may have placed their widows and orphans in an asylum or home, from using their widows' and orphans' fund in defraying the legitimate expenses thereby incurred. And the several Grand Bodies are instructed to see to it that this law is observed by their Subordinates."	
Report by Rep. Graham, of Louisiana.....	10,986
Considered and adopted.....	11,027
No. 17. The committee think "it would be unwise to legislate in the manner proposed" in the resolutions of Rep. Mil- ler, of Illinois, on the subject of "a mode of trial of a Brother absent from his Lodge, in and by a Lodge adja- cent to his new residence."	
Report by Rep. Graham, of Louisiana.....	10,989
Considered and adopted.....	11,028
No. 18. On the resolutions of Reps. Heisler and Tuttle, of Colo- rado, the committee submit the following: "Resolved, That it is the duty of every Odd Fellow, when he is away from home and out of his own jurisdiction, to give attention and care to his Brethren in distress, and watch with the sick when necessary, as well as when he is within his own jurisdiction; and further "Resolved, That it is and shall be the duty of every member of the Order, on taking up his residence away from the vicinity of his own Lodge, to report himself to the Lodge nearest his residence, or when it is equally near to two or more Lodges, to one thereof, within thirty days after taking up such residence, and in making such report he shall give the name and number and location of his Lodge, and when requested by the Lodge to which he has reported, shall watch with the sick who, like himself, are away from home and their own jurisdiction; and any such member so failing to report shall not be entitled to affiliation with the Order, nor to attention from any Lodge. And this legislation shall not be construed to hinder or prevent any Lodge or member from furnishing watchers, or giving attention to any sick or needy Brother."	
Report by Rep. Atkins, of Kentucky.....	10,990
Considered and adopted.....	11,028



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No. 19. The committee recommend the adoption of the resolutions of Rep. Stevens, of Minnesota (page 10,890), as follows:

"XXXII. That the Commander of the Patriarchs Militant shall have power to relieve officers who fail to discharge the duties of their office, and may assign, temporarily, the officer next in rank to the command, and make report thereof to the Military Council at the first session thereafter.

"XXXIII. That officers holding the following positions shall, when necessary, and when specially authorized so to do, hold elections as follows: the Assistant Adjutant-General of a Brigade, for the Field Officers thereof; the Assistant Adjutant-General of a Division, for the Brigadiers commanding Brigades therein; the Assistant Adjutant-General of a Corps, for the Generals of Divisions therein."

Report by Rep. Capen, of Maine..... 11,020

Considered and adopted..... 11,035

## MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

No. 1. The committee submit a tabular statement showing the names of officers and Representatives, place of nativity, profession, post office, State, miles traveled, daily attendance, mileage, per diem, and a resolution "that the mileage and per diem in the accompanying table accredited to each officer and Representative is hereby ordered to be paid."

Report by Rep. Voegtle, of Louisiana, chairman..... 10,990

Considered, certain corrections in the tables authorized, and adopted ..... 11,001

## MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

No. 1. On the preamble of Rep. Miller, of Illinois, stating that "the objects and purpose of our Order and the Manchester Unity are practically the same, and realizing that the interests of the members of each of these organizations might be benefited if some plan of reciprocal recognition and relief could be adopted," and submitting resolutions to effect the purpose, the committee say "that as for several years the desire on both sides of the ocean and in both Orders has been steadily growing for some system of mutual visitation and care for sick and distressed Brothers, and in view of the fact that the Manchester Unity, as voiced by its Grand Master, have expressed the wish that steps to this end be taken," they recommend that the resolutions, as follows, be adopted:

"*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed, the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary to be members of said committee, whose duty it shall be to confer with the Grand Master of the Manchester Unity, with a view to the appointment of a like committee, who shall jointly prepare and present to each Grand Body a plan of action to secure the objects herein set forth; and

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary forward to the Grand Master of the Manchester Unity a copy of these resolutions."

Report by Rep. Tuttle, of Colorado..... 10,945

Considered and not adopted.....11,001, 11,002

No. 2. Approving the Grand Sire's report relating to Transfer of Jurisdiction, Past Official and Grand Lodge Degrees, D. D. Grand Sires for 1887, Grand Visitations and Anniversary Proclamation.

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Report by Rep. Edwards, of North Carolina .....	10,945
Considered and adopted.....	11,002
No. 3. On the report of the Grand Secretary relating to Odd Fellows' Homes for the aged and orphans, the committee report "that these efforts meet with our hearty approval, as being the means of carrying out the principles of relieving the distressed and assisting the orphan, and we recommend the establishment of other institutions wherever Lodges are able to do so, and can set aside a fund sufficient to meet the requirements of these Homes."	
Report by Rep. Hill, of Virginia.....	10,946
Considered and adopted.....	11,002
No. 4. The committee say that the subjects of duplicate Charters and Warrants issued should have been referred to the Committee on Petitions, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subjects.	
Report by Rep. Slack, of Pennsylvania, chairman.....	10,946
Considered and adopted.....	11,002
No. 5. The committee "heartily indorse the words of wisdom in the Grand Sire's report, pertaining to the 'Fraternal Press,' and would lay stress upon the fact that there are some papers in our Order which seem simply to exist for the sake of the financial benefit derived therefrom, and other papers which assign one or more columns to the care of some of our Brothers, for the benefit of these respective papers, yet, in view of the fact that at times there has been too much bickering and too many personalities; therefore, we respectfully suggest, in view of this, that all these editors and writers be impressed with the fact that they are not writing for the information of the public, but 'for the good of the Order.' Hence, we request them to think of the great damage done to the fraternity by the undue publicity of this feeling, and sincerely hope that these writers will remember that they are Odd Fellows, whose motto is 'Friendship, Love and Truth.'"	
Report by Rep. Malvern, of New Hampshire.....	10,946
Considered and adopted .....	11,002

## PATRIARCHAL BRANCH OF THE ORDER.

- No. 1. On sundry portions of reports of Grand Officers, the committee submit the following: "That so much of the report of the Grand Sire as relates to the Patriarchal Circle and his action relative thereto, be approved. That in the event that it be considered best to continue the use of the obligation prescribed in the Grand Sire's proclamation, dated December 23d, 1886, the words following the words 'a member of,' and preceding the words 'any secret organization,' be omitted." The remarks of the Grand Sire on the subject of "Patriarchs Militant," are approved, and the committee say "that while it may have been well, in the organization of the Army of the Patriarchs Militant, to be largely 'governed by purely military rules,' the time has now come when they can be greatly relaxed without jeopardizing the discipline which should be preserved in such a body, and without lowering its present high standing; that it is 'an important adjunct, of great value to the Order, over which, as over every other branch of the Order,' the Sovereign



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- Grand Lodge must exercise supreme control." The committee "recommend the adoption of so much of the report of the Lieutenant-General as was referred to them, except as to the report of the Military Council and the proposed Decoration of Chivalry, concerning which we make no recommendation, inasmuch as the subjects contemplate new legislation, and should be considered by the Committee on Legislation."
- Report by Rep. Stevens, of Minnesota, chairman..... 10,942  
 Considered and adopted ..... 10,980
- No. 2. The committee amend the resolution of Rep. Clark, of Wisconsin, and recommend its adoption, as follows:  
*"Resolved*, That active participation in any organization, by whatever name known, purporting to be, or which has purported to be, a part of, or connected with, Odd Fellowship, said organization not being recognized by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, shall be deemed *prima facie* evidence of membership therein, as shall the wearing of any distinctively Odd Fellows' badge, emblem, uniform or insignia, or any part thereof, in connection with said organization, or the emblems, insignia or uniform thereof."
- Report by Rep. Stevens, of Minnesota, chairman..... 10,972  
 Considered and adopted ..... 11,025
- No. 3. The committee believe it to be inexpedient, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the resolution of Rep. Kendall, of Wisconsin, "asking the adoption of a suitable form and style for a charm or jewel to be worn by Royal Purple Degree members only."
- Report by Rep. Stevens, of Minnesota, chairman..... 10,988  
 Considered and adopted ..... 11,027
- No. 4. On the resolution of Rep. Hirst, of Delaware, on the subject of "suitable odes, accompanied with appropriate music, for the Subordinate Encampments, to be used according to the permissive notes found in the Subordinate Encampment Charge Books, and in lieu of or in connection with those odes already provided for the purpose," the committee say "they are of the opinion that new odes and music are greatly needed," and submit the following:  
*"Resolved*, That a committee of three members be appointed to prepare new odes with music appropriate for the same, and to submit their work to the Grand Sire, and if he approves the same, then they shall be printed and bound, and sold as supplies at a profit not to exceed thirty per cent. on the original cost."
- Report by Rep. Ellis, of Illinois..... 10,988  
 Considered and indefinitely postponed..... 11,027, 11,028
- PETITIONS.
- No. 1. Confirming the Charter issued during the recess to the Grand Lodge of New Mexico.  
 Report by Rep. Hedrick, of Nebraska, chairman..... 10,909  
 Considered and adopted..... 10,976
- No. 2. Confirming the Charters issued during the recess to Wasatch Encampment, No. 3, Utah; Floral Encampment, No. 2, Arizona; Albuquerque Encampment, No. 4, New Mexico, and Alberta Encampment, No. 1, Alberta, Canada.  
 Report by Rep. Aydelott, of Tennessee..... 10,948  
 Considered and adopted..... 11,003

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- No. 3. On the petition for a duplicate Charter for the Grand Encampment of Minnesota, the original having been lost by fire, the committee submit the following:  
*"Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to prepare and forward to the Grand Encampment of Minnesota a duplicate Charter, to replace the original, which was destroyed by fire, and without cost."*  
 Report by R-p Rea, of Pennsylvania ..... 10,949  
 Considered and adopted..... 11,003
- No. 4. On the petition "that a duplicate Charter be issued to Covenant Lodge, No. 6, Idaho," the committee submit the following:  
*"Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to prepare and forward to Covenant Lodge, No. 6, of Idaho, a duplicate Charter, to replace the original, which was destroyed by fire, and without cost."*  
 Report by Rep Rea, of Pennsylvania..... 10,949  
 Considered and adopted..... 11,003
- No. 5. Confirming the Charter issued during the recess to Concorde Lodge, No. 1, France.  
 Report by Rep. Hedrick, of Nebraska, chairman..... 10,950  
 Considered and adopted..... 11,003
- No. 6. On the petition of Cyclone Lodge, No. 3, Indian Territory, asking consent to remove their hall building; and also a protest against such removal, etc. The committee report, "in view of this strong opposition to removal, your committee are of the opinion that the petition should not be granted," and submit the following:  
*"Resolved, That the petition of Cyclone Lodge, No. 3, Indian Territory, be not granted"*  
 Report by Rep. Hedrick, of Nebraska, chairman..... 10,964  
 Considered and adopted ..... 11,022
- No. 7. On the petition for a Grand Encampment in Utah. The committee submit the following:  
*"Resolved, That the petition for a Grand Encampment in Utah be, for the present, not granted."*  
 Report by Rep Hedrick, of Nebraska, chairman..... 10,965  
 Considered and adopted..... 11,022, 11,023
- No. 8. On the petition of Pushmataha Encampment, No. 2, Indian Territory, to remove from Atoka to Lehigh. The committee submit the following:  
*"Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted."*  
 Report by Rep. Shriver, of West Virginia..... 10,965  
 Considered and adopted ..... 11,023
- No. 9. On the petitions of America Lodge, No. 5, and Fraternidad Universal Lodge, No. 2, Cuba, to remove to Havana. The committee submit the following:  
*"Resolved, That America Lodge, No. 5, and Fraternidad Universal Lodge, No. 2, be allowed to change their locality to Havana, Cuba."*  
 Report by Rep. Dutemple, of Rhode Island ..... 10,966  
 Considered and adopted ..... 11,023
- No. 10. Confirming the Charters issued during the recess to Independence Degree Lodge, No. 2, D. of R., Indian Territory, and Naomi Degree Lodge, No. 1, D. of R., New Mexico  
 Report by Rep. Anderson, of Manitoba..... 10,966  
 Considered and adopted..... 11,023



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- No. 11. On the petition of Charles Wolford, P. G. Rep., for permission to print a funeral ode. The committee submit the following:

“Resolved, That this Sovereign Grand Lodge deem it inexpedient to grant said petition”

Report by Rep. Dutemple, of Rhode Island..... 10,987

Considered and adopted ..... 11,027

- No. 12. On the petition of Adelpia Lodge, No. 8, of West Virginia, asking the donation of a full set of bound Journals, to replace a set destroyed by fire. The committee recommend “that the request be granted.”

Report by Rep. Strouse, of Minnesota..... 11,013

Considered and adopted..... 11,034

Reconsidered, and indefinitely postponed..... 11,034

- No. 13. Confirming the Charters issued during the recess to Hijos del Trabajo Lodge, No. 7, Regla Lodge, No. 6, Cuba; Fidelity Lodge, No. 10, and The Percha Lodge, No. 9, New Mexico.

Report by Rep. Strouse, of Minnesota..... 11,013

Considered and adopted..... 11,034

- No. 14. On the petition of Atoka Lodge, No. 5, Indian Territory, for permission to remove from Atoka to Lehigh. The committee report “that whilst so large a number of the members desire to retain the present location, the request to remove should not be granted.” and recommend that the removal of Pocahontas Lodge, No. 2, from Savanna to Lehigh, in the same Territory, be approved.

Report by Rep. Rea, of Pennsylvania..... 11,014

Considered and adopted..... 11,034

- No. 15. Confirming the Charter issued during the recess to Veritas Lodge, No. 2, Sweden.

Report by Rep. Aydelott, of Tennessee..... 11,014

Considered and adopted..... 11,034

- No. 16. On the petition of F. H. Darby, of Morrow, Ohio, to publish and sell a tract on Odd Fellowship, the committee report “that they deem it inexpedient to grant the request.”

Report by Rep. Shriver, of West Virginia..... 11,014

Considered and adopted..... 11,034

- No. 17. On the petition of T. B. Robinson, of California, the committee recite the fact that the case “has been before the Grand Lodge, in one phase or another, for the past eight years, and the importance of the matter to petitioner, to Templar Lodge, and the tax it has been upon the patience and time of this Grand Lodge, demand a speedy determination.” The entire history of the case is reviewed, and in reply to four questions submitted by the petitioner, the committee say they “should rather have been referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, as they ask for a construction of law,” but on account of the near approach of the end of the session, they are answered.

As to question first, according to the local laws of California, the Lodge was not authorized to demand the payment of dues accruing against Bro. Robinson, and the same being paid under protest by him.

As to question second, under the local laws of California, a full committee is required to be present. “This matter is of

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great importance to the Order at large, and we find no specific law emanating from the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and it is a question of such character and moment that it should have received the consideration of the Committee on the State of the Order."

As to question third, the appellant is required to pay expenses of printing unless local law otherwise provides.

"As to question fourth, we cannot believe or construe the action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge to mean to deprive a member of a Subordinate Lodge of the right of counsel.

"Your committee would respectfully show that the construction of the law or laws of California requiring a full committee to hear the testimony, etc., has evidently worked a hardship upon Bro. Robinson, and with such a law in force, a Lodge should select members of a committee who can and will act promptly, and thus secure Odd Fellows a speedy hearing and determination of their rights. It is clear that four years is an unreasonable and long time for an investigating committee or committees to drag its weary way in the investigation of a question of sick benefits from a Brother claiming to be sick and in need and distress; therefore,

"WHEREAS, Bro. Robinson is entitled to a speedy conclusion of the investigations arising from his claim for benefits, from July 20th, 1879, to June 20th, 1883, and from June 20th, 1883, to July 25th, 1883, and it appears that Templar Lodge and its committee have at least been slow in the discharge of their duties; therefore, be it

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of California, and during the *interim* the Grand Master of California, be and is hereby instructed to direct Templar Lodge, No. 17, to cause its committee of investigation in matters of Bro. T. B. Robinson, to close said investigation and make report and final disposition thereof within thirty days from the adjournment of this Sovereign Grand Lodge; and Bro. Robinson is entitled to counsel before the investigation committee or committees and before the Lodge."

Report by Rep. Aydelott, of Tennessee..... 11,016

Considered and amended by striking from the resolution the words "thirty days from the adjournment of this Sovereign Grand Lodge," and inserting "ninety days from the receipt of official notice of this action from the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge," and, as amended, adopted...11,034, 11,035

## PRINTING SUPPLIES.

No. 1. The report of the committee details the organization, number of meetings held, authorizing the amendments to the Patriarchal Degree printed, an edition of the new German Rebekah Degree Lodge Ritual in German, Vols. VI. and X. bound Journals, printing Revised Journal of 1886, and cost of same, supplies furnished to the Grand Secretary, and states the expenditures, amounting to \$10,850.04. The particulars of contracts for reports and Journals of 1887 are mentioned and the following resolutions are submitted:

"*Resolved*, That an engraving of Bro. Henry F. Garey, P. G. Sire, be procured, and the proceedings of the years 1885 and 1886, with suitable index, be printed and bound as Vol. XII., with the said engraving inserted, and that one thousand copies be obtained.



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"*Resolved*, That the privilege granted by the resolution, page 10,646, Journal of 1886, 'that the Rituals now in use by Rebekah Degree Lodges may be exchanged for the Revised Ritual, for which old Rituals \$1 each shall be allowed,' be extended until April 1st, 1888, and no allowance shall be made for old books destroyed, unless the certificates of destruction are in the hands of the Grand Secretary, on or before April 1st, 1888.

"*Resolved*, That all German publications, hereafter issued, be printed in Roman letters instead of German text, as heretofore."

Report by Rep. Jones, of Maryland, chairman..... 10,905

Considered and adopted..... 10,976

## RETURNS.

No. 1. The committee find the annual reports of Grand Encampments correct.

Report by Rep. Rice, of Dakota..... 10,940

Considered and adopted..... 10,979

No. 2. The returns of Grand Lodges, the committee say, are correct, except the Grand Lodge of Chile, which is without the seal and is not dated.

Report by Rep. Merrill, of Maine..... 10,941

Considered and adopted..... 10,979

No. 3. The annual reports of Grand Lodges concerning Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, the committee find correct.

Report by Rep. Loeb, of Montana, chairman..... 10,941

Considered and adopted ..... 10,979

No. 4. The reports of Subordinate Lodges under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, except Porvenir, No. 1, Cuba, and Tahlequah, No. 4, Indian Territory, are pronounced correct.

Report by Rep. Forney, of Idaho..... 10,941

Considered and adopted..... 10,979

No. 5. With the exception of slight errors in No. 1, Arizona; No. 11, Lower Provinces; Nos. 1 and 3, Manitoba; Nos. 1, 3 and 4, Denmark; No. 1, Sandwich Islands; No. 1, Peru, the committee find the reports of Subordinate Encampments under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge correct.

Report by Rep. Coddington, of Kansas..... 10,967

Considered and adopted ..... 11,023

## STATE OF THE ORDER.

No. 1. On the resolution of Rep. Capen, of Maine, that Grand and Subordinate Lodges be furnished with a suitable key to the Unwritten Work, the committee report "that such legislation would be injudicious," and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Report by Rep. Campbell, of Ontario..... 10,942

Considered and adopted..... 10,980

No. 2. The committee, deeming legislation on the subject inexpedient, ask to be discharged from further consideration of the resolution of Rep. Kendall, of Wisconsin, "that a suitable sign of recognition be adopted for the use of Subordinate Encampment members having the Royal Purple Degree."

Report by Rep. Stillson, of Vermont..... 10,943

Considered and adopted..... 10,980

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- No. 3. On the resolution of Rep Graham, of Louisiana, that Grand Bodies be authorized to permit their Subordinates to grant benefits to aged and infirm members, the committee submit the following:

"*Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, that Subordinate Grand Bodies have already been granted full power (see Sections 23 and 65c, White's Digest) to enact such laws enabling the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments to make provision for benefits for the 'aged and infirm' as they may deem proper, and that further legislation on the subject-matter is not necessary at the present time."

Report by Rep. Robbe, of Georgia..... 10,943

Considered and adopted. .... 10,980

- No. 4. On the resolution of Rep Stebbins, of New York, "that the emblematic color of the Patriarchal Degree be known and designated as green, and that of the Golden Rule Degree be known and designated as gold, this Grand Lodge having adopted a form of dedication of Lodge-rooms in which those colors are designated as the emblematic colors of those Degrees," the committee say they "deem it inexpedient to recommend the legislation proposed."

Report by Rep. Lyman, of California..... 10,948

Considered and adopted..... 11,002

- No. 5. On the request of the Grand Lodge of Florida, that the Sovereign Grand Lodge approve and recommend to the fraternity everywhere the enterprise of building a Home, to be located in Jacksonville, Florida, for sick and afflicted Odd Fellows from all parts of our country, the committee say "that while the object of the request is a commendable one, and entitled to the fraternal regard and sympathy of the Brotherhood, and while the committee duly appreciate the motives and spirit which have actuated this noble movement, yet, in view of the fact that in many of the jurisdictions Homes are being erected for the aged and infirm Odd Fellows under their own immediate control, it would not be advisable for this Sovereign Grand Lodge to make these special recommendations, but can and do cheerfully recommend to all jurisdictions to provide Homes and care for their aged and infirm members."

Report by Rep. Iszard, of New Jersey..... 10,948

Considered and adopted ..... 11,002, 11,003

- No. 6. On so much of the report of the Grand Sire as relates to the "Removal of Headquarters," together with the report of the Special Committee on the Permanent Location of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the committee say "that in their opinion the position taken by the Grand Sire is the correct one, and should be approved and adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. That the office of the Grand Secretary has been removed from the city of Baltimore and located in the city of Columbus, Ohio, and that the said Special Committee, in behalf of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, has received and accepted a sufficient deed of conveyance, securing to the respective parties all of their rights in the premises." The following are submitted:

"*Resolved*, That the action of the Grand Sire be and the same is hereby approved and adopted.



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- “Resolved, That the acts of said Special Committee be and the same are hereby fully indorsed, ratified and approved.”  
 Report by Rep. Wilcox, of Ohio..... 10,968  
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- No. 7. On the resolution of Rep. Edwards, of North Carolina, that the Grand Sire be allowed a Private Secretary, at a salary of \$500 the committee report that “the Grand Sire should have clerical assistance in the performance of the duties which devolve upon him. But your committee are also of opinion that it is not expedient to create the office of Private Secretary, with a fixed salary, and they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution, in lieu of the resolution referred to them:  
 “Resolved, That the sum of \$500, or so much thereof as the Grand Sire may deem necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated, annually, for the purpose of procuring clerical assistance for the Grand Sire, and the Grand Sire is authorized to draw his warrants on the Grand Treasurer, at such time and in such amounts as may be required.”  
 Report by Rep. Stillson, of Vermont..... 10,987  
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- No. 8. Confirming the Warrants issued by the Grand Sire for Fidelity Lodge, No. 10, New Mexico; Veritas Lodge, No. 2 Sweden; and the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, at Las Vegas. The committee rejoice with the Grand Sire and the fraternity at large at the prosperity of the Order.  
 Report by Rep. Clark, of Wisconsin..... 10,998  
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- No. 9. On the resolution of Bro. Stokes, P. G. Sire, in relation to the participation of Lodges, Encampments and Cantons in funeral services conducted in whole or in part by other benevolent associations, the committee “are of opinion that the control of such matters should be exclusively under the regulation of Subordinate Grand Bodies, and that it is needless for this Grand Lodge to make any declaration in the premises.”  
 Report by Rep. Busbee, of North Carolina..... 11,010  
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- No. 10. On the report of the Grand Sire relating to insurance organizations, and a proposition and bill on the subject submitted by Rep. Hedges of Ohio. The committee say that “under the law, as it now exists, Subordinate Grand Jurisdictions have the power to regulate and manage endowment associations; but that many of the Subordinate Grand Jurisdictions have not exercised any supervisory control in such associations, and that many have been created under the name of this Order without the authority of any Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, and if not corruptly, at least not on sound business principles, and are likely to bring great disgrace upon the Order. \* \* \* That there should be exercised over said associations a supervisory control by some higher authority. \* \* \* In consideration of the importance of the question and the necessity of some

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action thereon, your committee respectfully submit the following resolution :

*“Resolved,* That the Grand Sire appoint a committee of five, with instructions to investigate this matter without expense to this Grand Body, and report the facts at the next session of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, and also a system of rules and regulations for the inquiring into the condition, business methods and management of such associations, if the same can be safely done in the opinion of said committee.”

Report by Rep. Clark, of Wisconsin..... 11,011

Considered and adopted..... 11,033

- No. 11. On the resolution presented by Grand Reps. Iszard and Kiger, by instructions of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, viz.: “That the Annual Traveling Pass Word issued by the Grand Sire be accepted, in connection with a personal examination, as a proof of membership in the Order, so that a member sojourning or traveling outside of his own jurisdiction may visit any Lodge or Encampment, wherever he may be, without a Visiting Card, as required under existing law,” the committee report that they “find that this Grand Lodge has already, at this session, disposed of the subject-matter of this question adversely, by their action on a report from the Committee on Legislation, on a more conservative proposition than the above. We therefore deem it unnecessary to further consider the subject at this time, although believing that there should be a change in a modified form.”

Report by Rep. Kelsey, of Kansas..... 11,012

Considered and adopted..... 11,033

- No. 12. On the resolution of Reps. Deubert and Cornwell, of New York (page 10,926), and the proceedings of the Grand Encampment of New York (page 10,850), the committee report that they “have examined the original petitions for the institution of the Cantons named in the said proceedings, and find that the certificate of the Grand Patriarch of the jurisdiction accompanied the petitions for formation of the Cantons at Utica and Seneca Falls, as well as at Yonkers, and that many Cantons theretofore established within the same jurisdiction were instituted under like certificates; \* \* \* that in their opinion the certificate of the Grand Patriarch was sufficient to warrant the institution of said Cantons, and other Cantons before then organized, even although there might have been a Board of Grand Officers in existence. The method of application for Warrants for Cantons, as set forth in the legislation of the session of 1885 (page 10,119 of the Revised Journal), is qualified by the provision found on page 10,129, and constituting part of the same legislation, which provides that ‘until the various staff departments are properly arranged and got into working order, and have time to prepare suitable military blanks, any form of application or report setting forth plainly the purposes of the signers will be recognized.’ Considering the entire legislation on this subject, \* \* \* your committee are of the opinion that the Lieutenant-General committed no error in giving Warrants for the institution of said Cantons, the provisional period of the



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institution and existence of Cantons not yet having terminated. \* \* \* That during this provisional period the regulations for the establishment of Cantons should be liberally construed, and the growth and development of this branch of the Order should not be hindered by any strained construction of the laws under which they are formed. Your committee recommend that the resolutions introduced by Reps. Deubert and Cornwell be not adopted."

Report by Rep. Busbee, of North Carolina, chairman..... 11,036  
 Considered and adopted..... 11,036

## SUPERVISORY.

No. 1. "The Supervisory Committee on the Degree of Patriarchs Militant report the continued growth and prosperity of the Militant Branch of our Order, which we believe has done eminent service throughout the entire country, in the way of permanently strengthening the Order at large and materially increasing the numerical and financial standing of our Lodges and Encampments" The committee state the membership was 16,000 Chevaliers on the 26th of April, 1887, an increase of about 4,000 during the year; "that the Patriarchs Militant has completely filled a long-felt need for a display element in Odd Fellowship. It sprang from almost nothing; has met all of the expenses of organization," etc., and has put into the treasury of the Sovereign Grand Lodge \$1,307.87. The authority given to the Commander as to distribution of prizes, etc., is stated, and the committee express the opinion that "the success and unprecedented growth and prosperity of the Patriarchs Militant are due to the indefatigable energy and untiring perseverance of Lieutenant-General John C. Underwood." In surrendering the trust, the committee expresses its heartfelt thanks to the Grand Sire and Sovereign Grand Lodge, etc.

Report by Rep. Stevens, of Minnesota..... 10,907

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OF THE

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OF THE

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*September 19th, 1887;*

WITH AN

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Book of Odes, with music, for Sub. Lodges, Enc. and Rebek. Lodges,	50	60
Visiting and Withdrawal Cards and Dismissal Certificates.....	20	25
Visiting and Withdrawal Cards for Rebekah Lodges.....	20	25
Card for a Wife or Widow.....	20	25
Rebekah Certificate, on plate paper, edition of 1885.....	20	25
†*Diploma, or Certificate of Membership, on plate paper.....	50	75
Book of Forms, edition of 1886.....	75	1 00
Bound Journals, twelve volumes (1821-1886), with thirty-two		
steel engravings of Past Grand Sires, etc., per volume.....	1 50	2 00
White's New Digest (to 1884).....	2 50	3 00
Additions to Digest, 1882-1884—sheets, 25c.; bound, 50c.....		
Anniversary Ceremony.....	20	25
*Funeral Ceremony, of 1874, 1877, 1879, 1880, complete.....	20	25
Burial Ceremony for a Daughter of Rebekah.....	10	15
Question Book, 150 questions, one on page.....	1 00	1 50
Question Book, 600 questions, three on page.....	3 00	3 50
Petition for Membership, per 100.....	50	75

\*Published in German language also.

†Published in Bohemian language also.

†Published in French language also.


||Published in Spanish and Norwegian languages also.


*Resolved.* That the Grand Secretary be directed to exact and enforce, in the future, an undeviating compliance with Article 1750 of the Digest of the S. G. L., which requires "cash payments for all orders from State Grand Lodges and State Grand Encampments for Books, Odes, Diplomas, Cards, &c.," and that he permit, in no case, orders for supplies to be filled unless such orders are accompanied by the cash.—*Journal*, 1876, p. 7002.

Diplomas, Digests, Journals, Book of Forms, Book of Odes, P. M. Organization, Tactics, Anniversary Ceremony and Funeral Ceremony are sold to individuals at the prices charged Subordinates. No other supplies on above list are sold to individuals.

If the order amounts to \$50, the articles can be had at the prices charged Grand Bodies.<sup>1</sup>


On an order for Diplomas amounting to \$100, a discount of fifteen per cent. will be allowed.

 Orders from Grand or Subordinate Bodies must be authenticated by the seal of the Encampment or Lodge.

 Lodge and Encampment Rituals, Cards and Odes will not be sent to any Subordinates except those under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Supplies will be forwarded by express, unless other directions are given with the order.

Charts, Odes, Diplomas, Book of Forms, Book of Odes, Charters, P. M. Organization, Tactics, Journals, Digests, Anniversary and Funeral Ceremonies, may be sent by mail at book postage. All other supplies, if sent by mail, will be securely sealed, and will be subject to letter postage.

 All letters on business with this office should be indorsed "*Official*," and addressed to THEODORE A. ROSS, Grand Secretary, P. O. Box 832, Columbus, Ohio.

Checks and P. O. Money Orders should be made payable to the order of THEODORE A. ROSS, Grand Secretary.















